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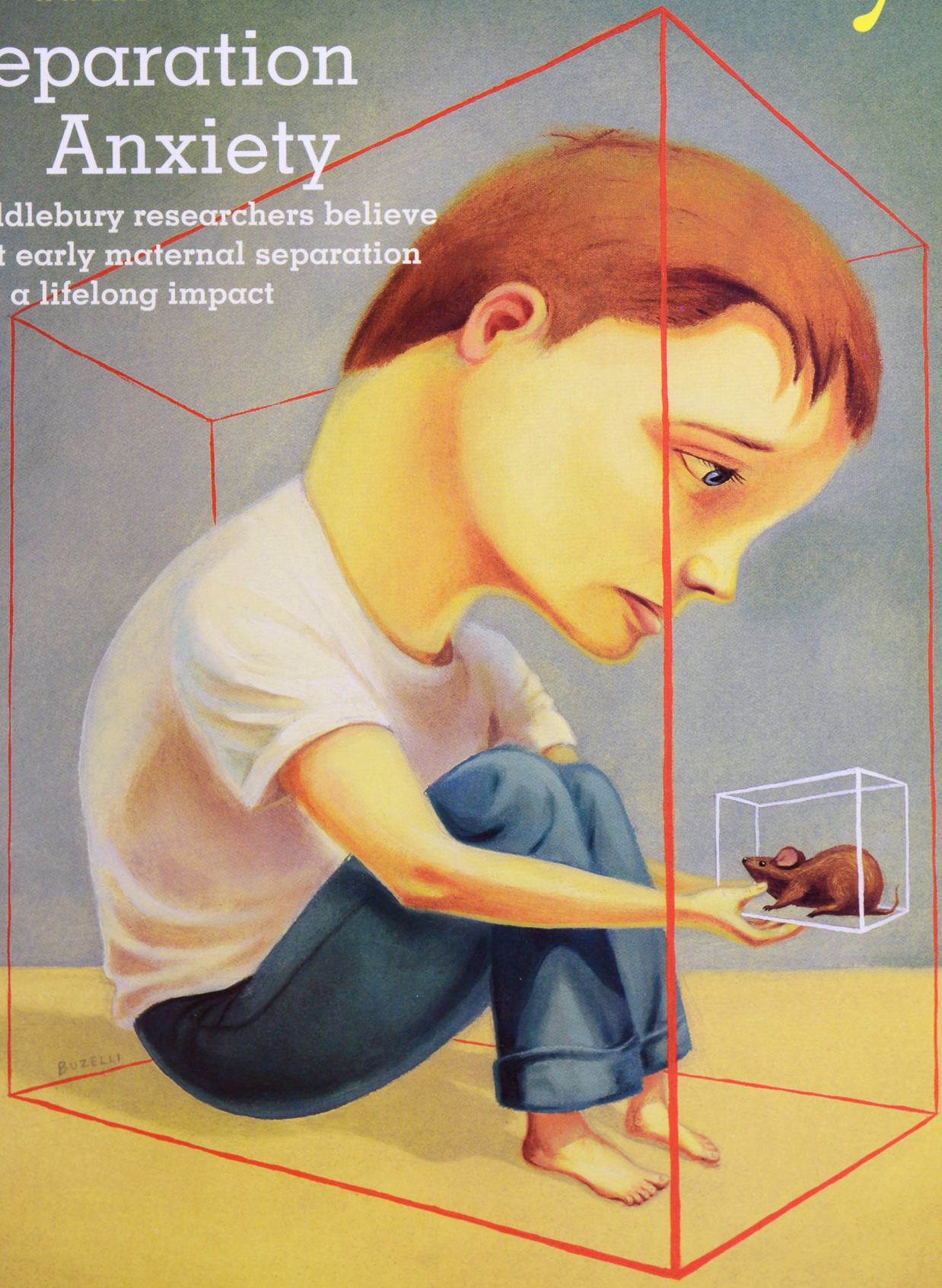

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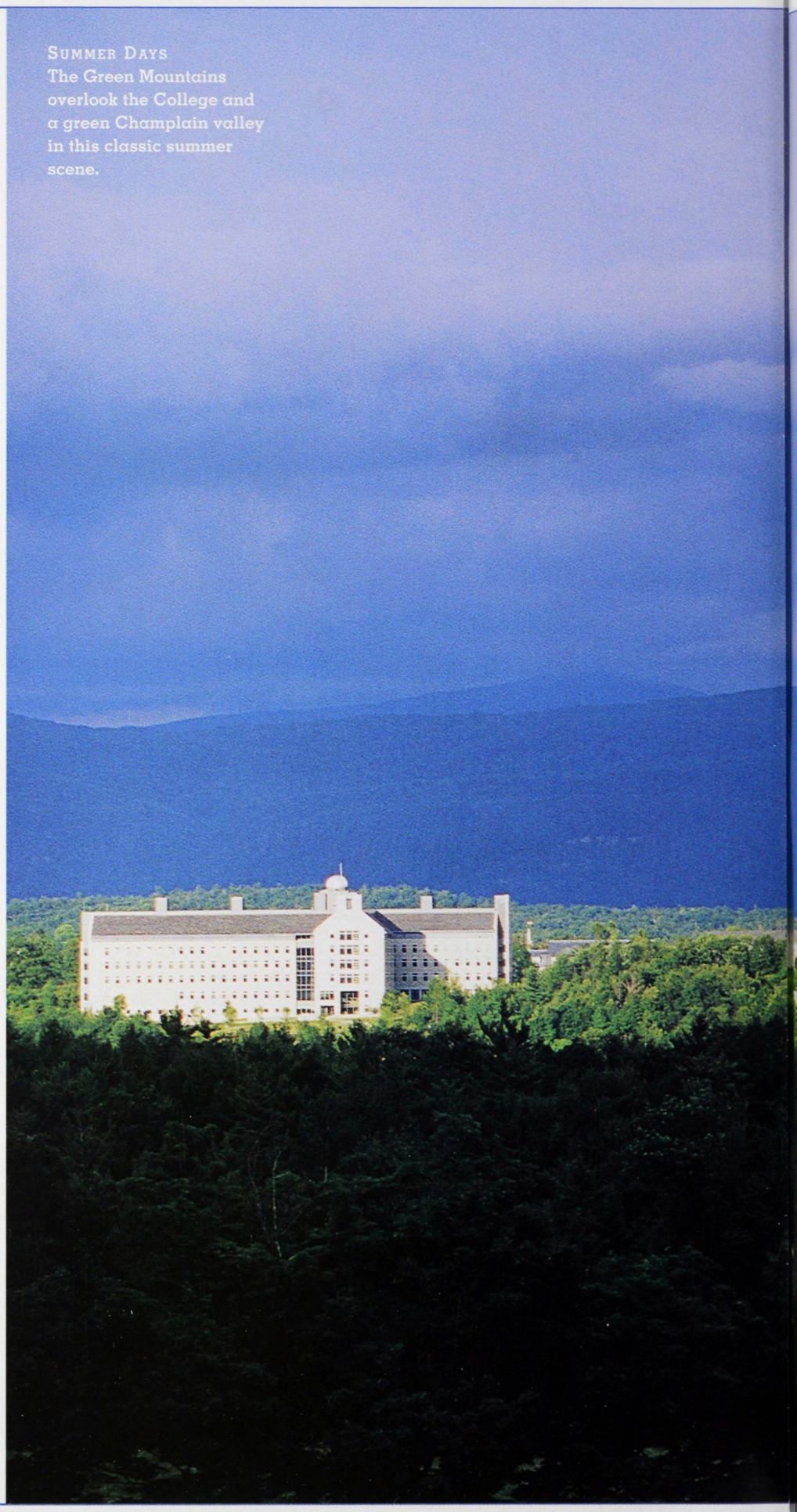

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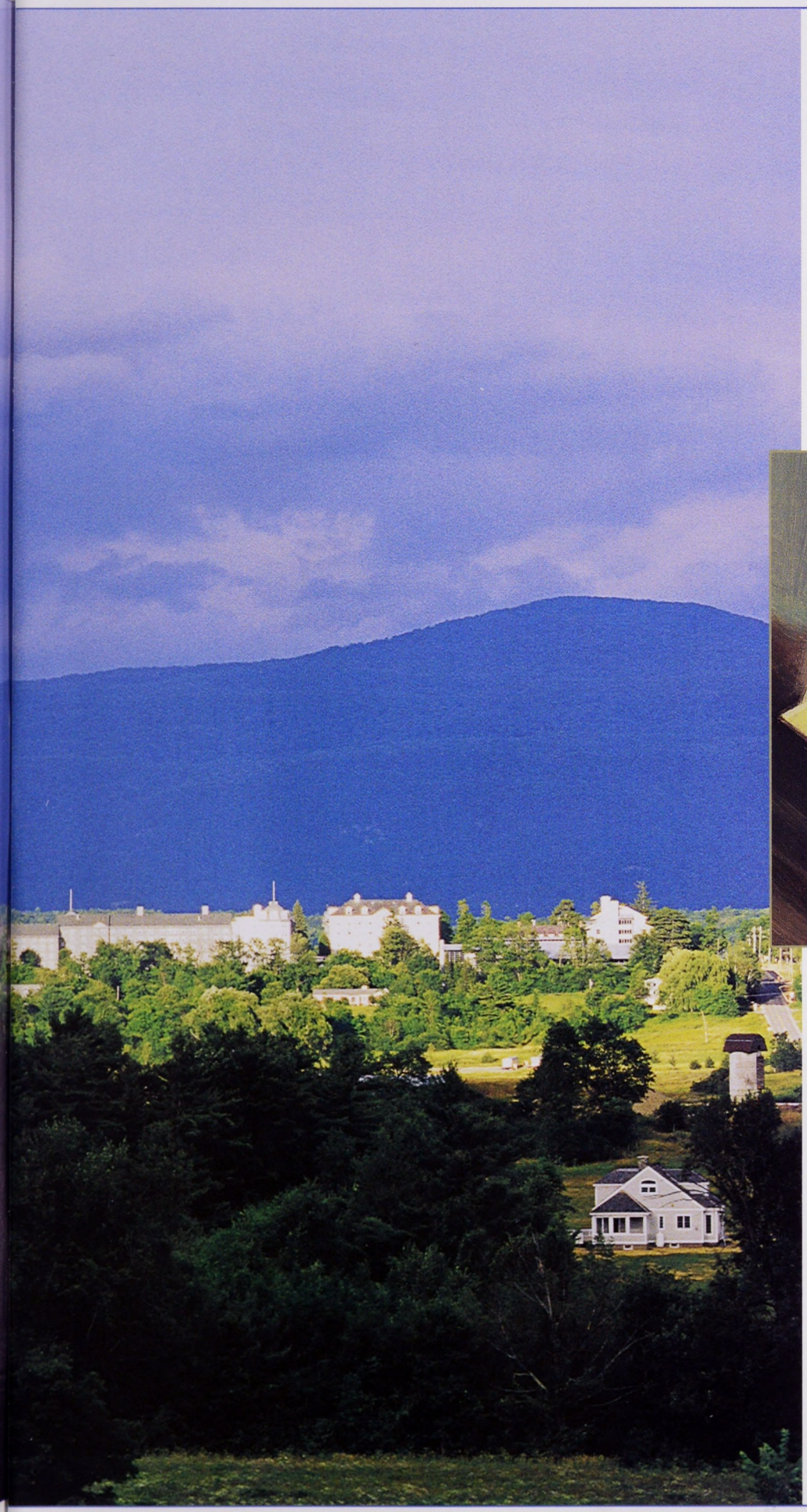

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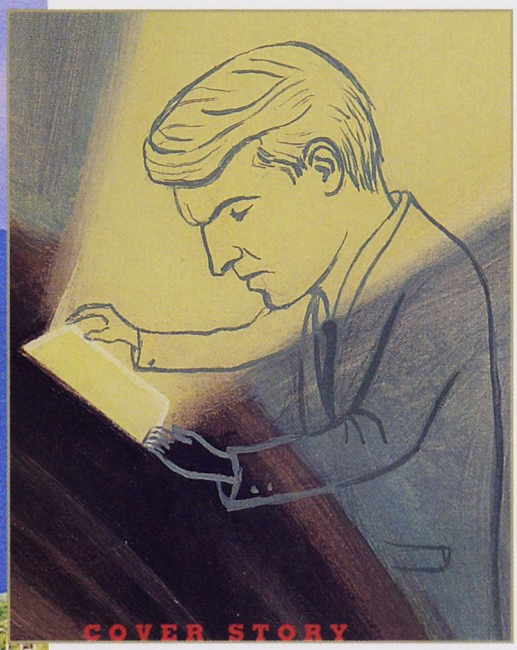

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The international language of soccer thrives at Midd.

On a warm, sunny Fourth of July afternoon in Middlebury, a hearty contingent of 30 people had managed to squeeze themselves into a stuffy 15-by-15 room at 112 South Main Street, their eyes glued to a 30-inch television screen. Outside, a young couple stood on the porch, peering through a window propped up by a croquet mallet. At an adjacent window just off the porch, another guy and girl were engaged in a delicate balancing act atop a metal-framed chair, its back leg sinking deeper into mulch.

What captivated the attention of the group—more than two-thirds of whom were either international students working at the College this summer or affiliated with the Language Schools—was one of the most popular global sporting events this side of the Olympics or soccer's World Cup: the championship soccer match of the 2004 European Cup. To truly understand the international fervor associated with the world's most popular sport, consider this: of the 30 people sweating out the final between Greece and Portugal, not one person hailed from either of the competing countries.

However, they did come to Middlebury from Senegal, Nepal, Pakistan, and Kenya; Bulgaria, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, and Slovakia; Mongolia, France, Nigeria, and Lithuania; Jamaica, Tibet, Germany, and Ghana. During a roll call of countries at half-time of a scoreless match, each student proudly rattled off the name of his or her homeland; the challenge of naming all the representative countries seemed to surpass the feat of wedging as many people as possible into the television room. "Turkey just came into the room," someone shouted out, much to the befuddlement of an entering Belde Ikizer '04, who was unaware of the roll call. "Guatemala's on the porch," another chimed in. "Greece would be here, but he's in Boston today." ("Thank goodness Nik [Stamatopoulos] '07 was in Boston," Portugal partisan Mutuku Mulwa '06 would say after Greece's stunning 1–0 victory. "He was going nuts after a win in the *first-round*.")

Outside, Anton Altement '07 of Estonia ambled up to the window where Hunter Smith '04 was perched on the sinking chair. The two spoke briefly in Russian before Altement wandered around to the back of the house. Smith was asked if he's affiliated with the Russian School, and he shook his head. "The French School, actually," the recent graduate replied. "I'm working there as a bilingual assistant." When asked how many languages he speaks, he modestly named English, French, Russian, and Swedish. On the porch, the couple peering through the other window was murmuring in Spanish. It turns out they're students in the Spanish School, and their exile on the porch had as much to do with maintaining a self-imposed language barrier, in keeping with the Language Pledge, as it did with the crowded quarters.

Less than 15 minutes into the second half, Greece scored what would turn out to be the game-winning goal. A load groan emanated from 112 South Main. Most everyone was cheering for Portugal, save for a few England fans still bitter over their squad's loss to the Portuguese in the quarterfinals. Still, when the final whistle sounded, people seemed thrilled to have had the opportunity to have gathered together during the past four weeks' worth of matches. In fact, the only disappointment centered on not being able to watch the pay-per-view games somewhere on campus. With the 2006 World Cup being broadcast on cable, however, the students are anticipating a move to a larger—and cooler—area, such as the Grille. "That way," one said, "we can get even *more* people to watch."—MJ

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A Just Cause

I am highly encouraged by the recent article on Brendan O'Donohoe '99 ("A Soldier's Story," spring 2004) and the lively debate that is taking place on these pages concerning Middlebury's relationship to our armed forces. Although I am personally offended that someone would refer to me or any of my soldiers as "cannon fodder," I recognize that open discussion is one of the freedoms I defend and that it is required in order to reconcile the role of the military in 21st-century American society.

For four years I have served proudly as an Army infantry officer and am currently deployed to Iraq with the 25th Infantry Division. I volunteered, knowing that I might be sent into harm's way, because I feel that it is my duty to pay the United States back for all of the opportunities I have enjoyed. Military service has opened my eyes to the tremendous sacrifices that soldiers are asked to make every day. I have also gained insight into the difficult choices that military leaders grapple with as they try to guide their forces while balancing military objectives and political requirements.

If the Middlebury College community wants to have a say in the direction of this nation's military, graduates must not shy away from service. Military duty is not an easy choice. Physical danger is a constant reality here in Iraq. Even harder is the emotional strain of being separated from my wife, friends, and family. I worry about the rockets that smash into my camp and regret all of the weddings, birthdays, and holidays that I can't be a part of. However, when a fellow Middlebury grad asked me recently whether I had made the right choice when I joined the Army, he got me thinking that I definitely did. I have been given immense responsibility and learned many difficult and important lessons that I will carry with me long after I leave the military. Perhaps most important, I do not see the military as a frightening monolithic entity. Like any organization, it is made up of individuals doing their best to do what they think is right.

In order to ensure that the U.S. military continues to represent all citizens, I encourage the College community to take a fresh look at its relationship with our armed forces. The military is constantly in need of able leaders to help guide it—and who better to bring their considerable talents to the job of shaping the military of tomorrow than Middlebury graduates.

Daniel G. Nelson '98
Captain, U.S. Army
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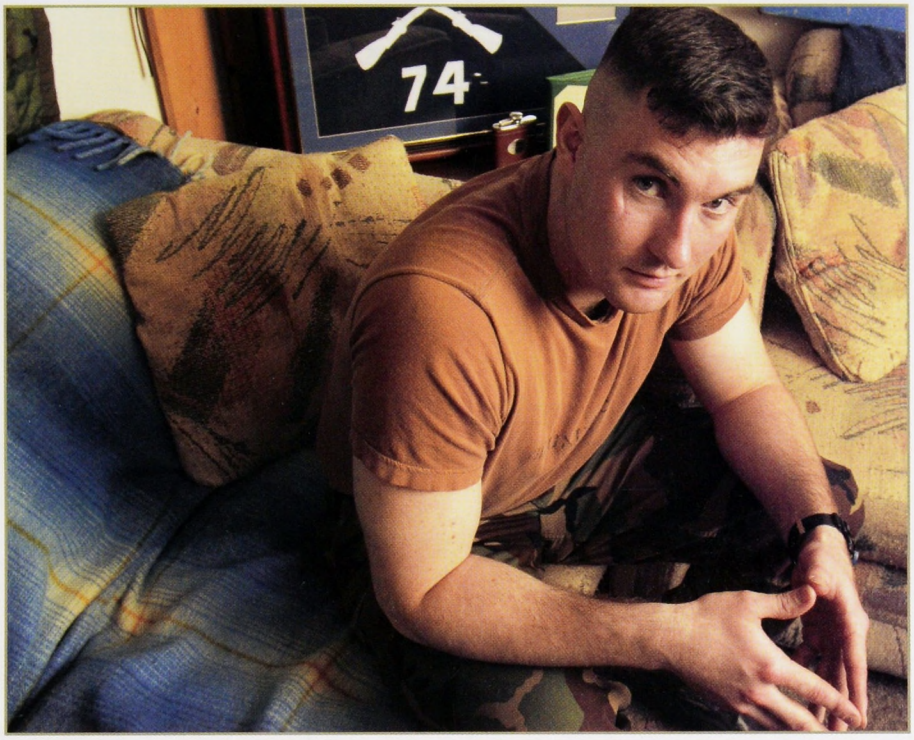

STANDARD BEARER
Is Captain Brendan O'Donohoe '99—a Middlebury graduate and Army Ranger—an anomaly or a sign that more Midd grads will consider careers in the military?

Report for Duty

Where does America find men like U.S. Army Captain Brendan O'Donohoe '99 ("A Soldier's Story," spring 2004)? He and his comrades are due our thanks and our gratitude for their service; the same measure is due to his family for standing by his choice to become an Army Ranger, and to his sister, Nuala O'Donohoe '04, the author of the story, for providing a context of place and time for the man and the war fighter. I understand his family's concern for his safety: my son is an Air Force officer.

I was less satisfied with the sidebar, "All That You Can Be?" No doubt statistics somewhere show that most college graduates don't consider a military career. And I don't doubt that few at Middlebury express an interest in soldiering as a "post-Middlebury job choice." But after raising the question, the answer remains a mystery to the writer and not a very interesting one at that. Perhaps the question should be, Why doesn't Middlebury attract more people like Captain O'Donohoe?

The fact that Middlebury hasn't offered an ROTC program for more than a generation could be one reason. Military service isn't an easy post-graduation choice. Either you're prepared for it, or you start at the bottom. If the College didn't offer a premed program, aspiring physicians might choose another school for their undergraduate work. And I think there's another, more subtle reason. I call it the "Preferred Admissions Profile."

For the past 20 years, I've served on the Alumni Admissions Committee. Each year I receive a sheet listing the characteristics desirable in a Middlebury student. Each year I interview applicants and try to discern those qualities: tangible (and if

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possible dramatic) evidence of talent, leadership, working with the poor, tutoring slow learners, entrepreneurial spirit, and so forth. The list doesn't change much. Nor do the interviews. The ideas and sentiments expressed to me are commendable *and* predictable. These kids are smart. They know what's expected, and they deliver. I'm not sure they believe it. I'm not sure I do. I can't prove it, but I suspect that many of them don't dwell in the same moral universe as the people who write the specifications for "New Faces." They have a harder edge. Perhaps it's a generational issue—Woodstock versus Abercrombie.

They pretty much tell me what their predecessors told me the year before. Our discussions are high minded and politically correct—like spending an evening with Bill Moyers. I've never met an applicant that wanted to be a military officer. Perhaps word has filtered down to high school guidance counselors that aspiring military leaders are not going to be on the Early Decision List at Middlebury.

The American military attracts a group of talented people with diverse backgrounds. Middlebury does itself and them a disservice by actively or passively selecting them *out* of its undergraduate admissions. This raises a question: What role should an elite institution play in educating some of the people who might determine the future of America? Given the state of the world, they'd better be the best we can make them, whoever does it.

During World War II, a young man by the name of Daniel Patrick Moynihan graduated from Middlebury's Navy V-12 Program. Maybe it's time that Middlebury reported for duty and prepared young Americans to lead in war again.

George Logan '61
Macon, Georgia

Activism's Roots

I read with dismay the letters of some of my more senior fellow alums regarding Ms. Morton's article on Howard Dean (winter 2004). Regardless of whether or not *Middlebury Magazine*'s coverage of the issue was slanted, and regardless of

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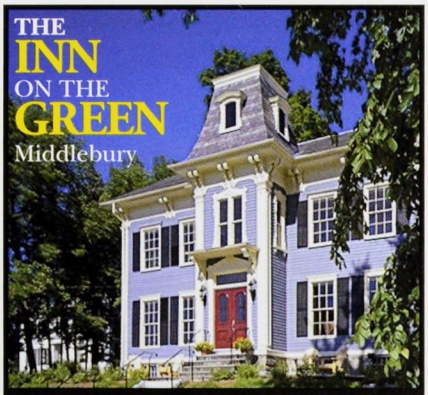

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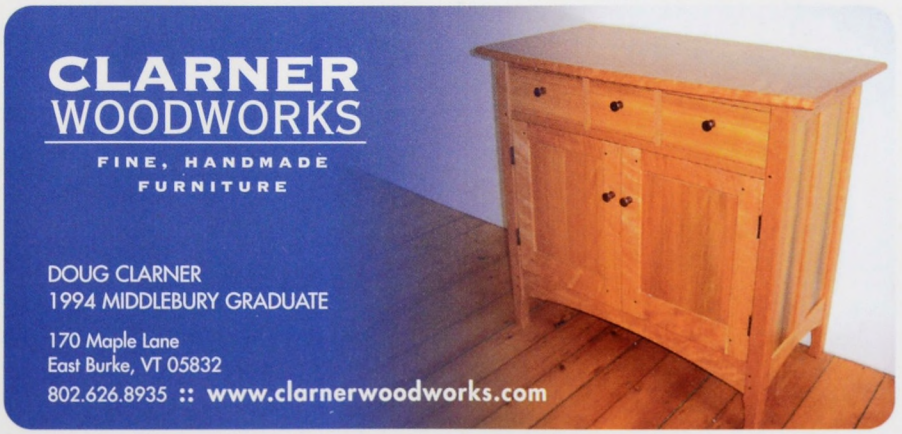

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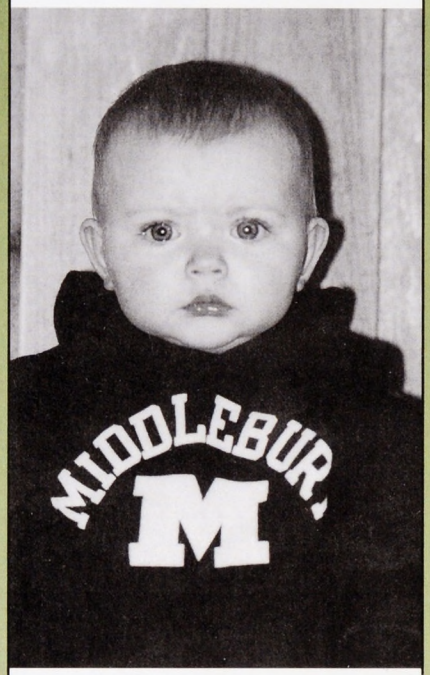

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Governor Dean's personal or political, failings, I would expect that more of the people who wrote critical letters would recognize, as Peter Odell (M.A. Spanish '66) did, that Howard Dean's campaign offered a great deal to many folks who previously were politically uninvolved.

I worked on Governor Dean's campaign in his headquarters in Burlington. I did not agree with every decision that the campaign made, but I do think the experience was enormously beneficial—for me and many others. Prior to the campaign, I was apolitical. The campaign provided me with a job, a lot of new friends, and an excellent lesson in civics.

I welcome and encourage further discussion and debate on the political ramifications of the Dean campaign, but I hope those critical of the campaign will not discourage young people from becoming politically involved.

Zachary Manganello '03
Shelburne, Vermont

The Big Picture

This spring's *Middlebury Magazine* included three letters responding to "Running with Dean" from the winter issue. I was quite taken aback by the comments made in these letters; it seems the authors missed the point of what Middlebury students and alumni were doing by devoting their efforts to Dean For America (DFA). As a recent Middlebury graduate who spent the fall volunteering for DFA, I was shocked to see that the alumni who authored these letters focused most of their attention on the "shallow" character of Dean and the "failure" of the campaign, rather than on the powerful grassroots movement that it grew to become.

I spent my spring term working on an independent project that reflected on the time I spent with the DFA campaign. Much of what I wrote focused not on partisan politics (as was suggested in one of the previous letters), but rather on the empowerment young people experience as a result of working with others who share a common goal for the greater good: the importance of involvement and interest versus apathy! Have alumni forgotten what it is like to be in college, how current politics and nationwide grassroots movements can ignite a flame in younger generations that rarely manifests itself elsewhere? It wasn't Howard Dean himself who motivated me to go to work in South Burlington each week, spend weekends canvassing in New Hampshire, spend my Wednesday evenings at Middlebury Union High School at the Meetups; it was the power of DFA, the grassroots movement itself, the conversations I had with young staffers and elderly volunteers that did. My involvement with DFA has been a major inspiration for me in choosing a career for next year. In August I will begin a year with Green Corps, organizing grassroots environmental campaigns. I think this is the point *Middlebury Magazine* should want to make: We are young, involved, and no, it's not about Middlebury's support for Dean, or Kerry—it's about Middlebury students following their hearts, a movement in the making, a nationwide campaign that

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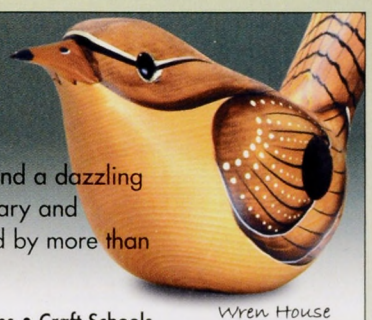

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Nina Cotton '04
New Canaan, Connecticut

Right On, Wong!

It was terrific to see your coverage of the innovative Dean presidential bid ("Running with Dean," winter 2004), even though it arrived at a bittersweet time, as the campaign bogged down. I know you could not have covered all Middlebury alums who were active, but I just wanted to extend kudos to Raam Wong '02, who tirelessly worked for Dean in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Raam was articulate, passionate, and an energetic organizer working with all of us "60s activists" in tiny Gilmanton, New Hampshire. Thank you, Raam, and all others who are actively engaging in the political process at this crucial time in our country.

Anne Harris Onion '69
Gilmanton, New Hampshire

To Recap

I'm sorry the magazine felt the need to gut—rewrite, actually—my letter ("Got Republicans?" spring '04) regarding the Howard Dean campaign, leaving only one word, "impractical," to convey the point I was gently and subtly trying to get across: that I considered Governor Dean's tunnel vision "to take back the country"—an electorate split virtually 50–50 in it's support/nonsupport of President Bush—arrogant and out of touch, if not alarming.

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I appreciate the zeal of his young adherents with time on their hands before having to face the "real world," i.e., earning a living. In 20 years or so, most will likely be husbands, wives, or parents with an entirely different outlook.

Virginia Anthony Soule '49
New London, New Hampshire

Editors' Note: The phrase "...his populist, idealistic, impractical crusade 'to take back the country'" in Ms. Soule's original letter was edited to read "...his idealistic yet impractical crusade 'to take back the country.'"

Just Say No

I enjoyed reading the profile of Arch Tilford '36 in the fall 2003 issue ("Gone Fishin'"). I've had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with him over the years, sitting on splintery bleachers in the high-school gymnasium. Arch is one of the most loyal fans a team could want.

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rebuild the Three Mile Bridge! After more than 50 years, the Otter Creek wetlands surrounding the crumbled remains of the old bridge piers have become a peaceful haven for wildlife, often flooded all the way up Creek Road in the spring. I'm afraid this is a preposterous bit of naïve nostalgia just for the sake of an old memory. No one will build another picturesque covered bridge there again. It would be far too expensive to build and limited in its use. A wide new concrete monstrosity would be horrifying to see in such a lovely pastoral location. The hidden costs to taxpayers are as enormous as the environmental costs. This crossing would dangerously expose the College to additional traffic around the campus.

Mr. Tilford's reputation as a fisherman is legendary. Shame on him for wanting to disturb the waterway!

Jacqueline Ogden English '69
Middlebury, Vermont

From the Editor

Middlebury Magazine learned in May that the publication had received a gold medal as one of the best college and university general-interest magazines, by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

For the last seven years, the magazine has placed among the top three in the country in CASE's general-interest category, which considers all aspects of a magazine—content, editing, design, photography, and print quality. The 2004 award is the second gold medal for general excellence the magazine has received; the first was in 2002. Last year, Sally West Johnson's profile of Judge William Sessions '69 ("Who is Bill Sessions," winter 2003) won a gold medal in the Best Articles of the Year category.

In addition to the CASE medal, the magazine also won a merit award from the Society of Publication Designers for a photograph by New York City-based photographer Bob Handelman, of Middlebury students playing water polo ("Northern Exposure," fall 2003). *Middlebury Magazine* was one of only five college and university magazines recognized in a field dominated by more than 100 commercial titles such as *National Geographic* and *Vanity Fair*.

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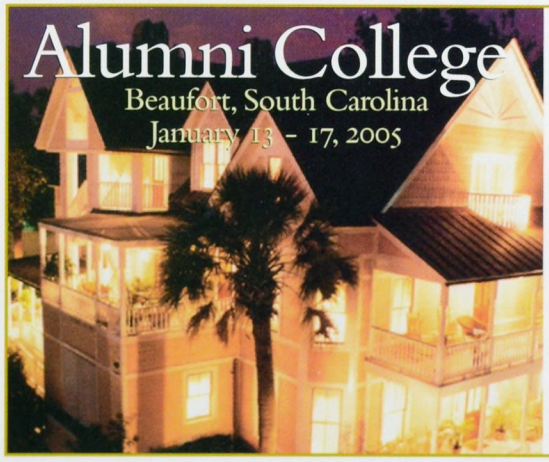

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Joel Kiesel ("Chutes and Ladders," pgs. 43–44) is an avid skydiver and photographer in California.

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THE NEW PRESIDENT
A familiar face at Middlebury, Provost Ron Liebowitz becomes the College's 16th president. Photograph by JF Gaylor

Liebowitz Tapped

JUST AFTER NOON ON APRIL 16, Middlebury College Provost and Executive Vice President Ron Liebowitz sat with his wife, Jessica, in the first pew of a rapidly filling Mead Chapel, their presence a confirmation of the buzz that had reverberated around campus that morning: that the 46-year-old Liebowitz had been chosen to succeed John M. McCardell, Jr., as president.

The day before, the Board of Trustees had convened in Boston for a special meeting to appoint the College's 16th president, capping a five-month global search by a 16-member search committee that included the review of 400 prospective candidates. With the selection of Liebowitz, a member of the faculty since 1984, the College chose from within the institution for only the third time in its 204-year history (McCardell and Ezra Brainerd were the others).

Yet, the excited chapel audience was not focusing on history at that moment. In fact, the crowd was so focused on the couple in the front row that McCardell strolled in essentially unnoticed, perhaps a first during the 13 years of his presidency. With Liebowitz's back to him, McCardell reached out and, holding a folder, playfully tapped his successor on the head. The gesture was both wonderfully illustrative and altogether symbolic—a greeting between friends, and a passing of the torch.

"I am enormously pleased with the selection of Ron Liebowitz as the president of Middlebury College," outgoing board chair Churchill Franklin '71 said moments later. "The board's decision was made with the full confidence that we had unquestionably selected the best person to lead the College forward at this vital juncture in its history."

Franklin noted that the College seriously considered a number of highly qualified academic leaders—including half a dozen sitting presidents—among the finalists. And Liebowitz, for his part, was a sought-after presidential candidate for a number of prestigious institutions. "Fortunately for us, Ron's dedication and commitment to Middlebury are very strong," Franklin said, "and he's remained here, where his efforts have been instrumental in making the College a leading presence in higher education."

When Liebowitz took to the podium, he received the first of three standing ovations. Looking a decade younger than his 46 years, he gave energetic voice to both the sharp wit and intellectual heft for which he is recognized. With his wife smiling in the front row (seven-week-old son David was not asked to sit through the event, Liebowitz quipped), the president-elect gave a preview of what his presidency may hold in store.

"We will, as an institution, continue to internationalize educational opportunities for students and faculty; we will continue to deepen the College's commitment to environmental education and stewardship; we will continue to enhance residential life so the many spheres of our students' education are better integrated and mutually supporting; we will continue to strengthen our students' connections to the surrounding community, both as part of their course of study, and as their way of volunteering to help those in need; and we will continue to place great value on and encourage greater staff involvement in the life of the College," Liebowitz said. He further identified four essential issues the College will face in the near future:

- the role of science in a 21st-century liberal arts curriculum
- the level of foreign language competency and cultural learnedness expected of students in an increasingly diverse country and conflict-ridden world
- strategic collaborations with other institutions in order to expand scholarly and artistic opportunities for faculty, educational opportunities for students, and more frequent exchanges of ideas among administrators
- the maintenance of the College's comparative advantage—"the intense student-faculty learning experience we offer our students"—in the face of growing bureaucratic demands on faculty that threaten that special experience.

An authority on Russian economic and political geography, Liebowitz received his undergraduate degree from Bucknell University and his doctorate in geography from Columbia University. Hired at Middlebury as an instructor of geography in 1984, he was promoted to associate professor in 1988 and full professor in 1993. He served as dean of the faculty from 1993-95, vice president of the College from 1995-97, and provost and executive vice president from 1997 to the present.

Additional presidential coverage can be accessed at www.middlebury.edu/offices/pubaff/news_releases/news_2004/Liebowitz+pres.htm

PHOTOGRAPH BY TAD MERRICK

Two for the Road

A POET WITH A PASSION FOR HIP-HOP and an environmental studies major with an eye on climate change have received Watson Fellowships to support a year of postgraduate study and travel.

In March, Crystal Belle and Will Roush—both members of the Class of 2004—became the latest in a string of Middlebury students chosen as Thomas J. Watson Fellows. The program this year chose just 50 college seniors nationwide, from among nearly 1,000 applicants; each receives $22,000 to help pay for 12 months on the road.

Crystal Belle, 22, from Brooklyn, is an English major with a minor in French, who will spend her Watson year studying the roots and evolution of hip-hop culture. She'll visit Ghana, home to "griots," storytellers who pass on oral history; Jamaica, where "dub" poetry is performed with a musical background; Switzerland, home to two famous hip-hop festivals; Brazil, where hip-hop has become the political voice of the disadvantaged; and India, where hip-hop is spreading quickly in the crowded streets of New Delhi and Bombay.

For Belle—well known on campus for her virtuoso performance pieces combining dance and the spoken word—the fellowship will help satisfy a lifelong craving for travel, and get her started, she hopes, on a career in advocacy journalism, uniting her passion for storytelling and "my other love, fighting injustice."

Will Roush, 24, grew up in Colorado and moved to Medinah, a suburb of Seattle, when he was in eighth grade. Roush will spend his Watson year in western Canada, New Zealand, and Norway; in all three, he'll study photographic archives to find historical images of local mountain ranges, and then compare these with contemporary photos to assess the changes. Following this work, Roush will spend time in the field taking core samples from trees to see what their growth patterns have to tell us about forest expansion and contraction.

The Watson Fellowship, Roush says, gives him a chance to "pursue a couple of my driving passions, being in the mountains and photography, and to seek the answers to some burning questions—or at least help figure out what the questions are."

—Tim Etchells '74

Destinations

CRYSTAL BELLE '04
From Griots to Activists: The Evolution of Hip-Hop in Urban Communities
Ghana, Switzerland, Jamaica, Brazil, India

WILLIAM ROUSH '04
Envisioning a Changing Alpine Environment Through Repeat Photography
Canada, New Zealand, Norway

All-Natural Ingredients

A FEW YARDS PAST THE 13th tee on the College golf course, where the aroma of fresh grass clippings quickly gives way to the pungent odor of decaying compost, some 10,000 worms have discovered nirvana: the College's compost pile, where more than 60 percent of Middlebury's food waste decomposes in a 28-by-30-foot metal-framed and plastic-covered greenhouse.

The worms—red wrigglers imported from California—are the engine that drives a small-scale vermicomposting system designed and implemented by Phil Aroneanu '06 and May Boeve '06.

The wrigglers do their work in a refrigerator-sized worm bin, where they feed on decomposing material and produce nutrient-rich castings, which are added to the greenhouse soil and the student-run organic garden. The benefit is twofold: the worms speed up the composting process, while also increasing the presence of microbial organisms in the soil, a nutritional bonus that aids in growing produce.

With the winter in mind, Aroneanu is designing a heating system—using electrical tape and a biodiesel heater—to keep the box warm during the coldest months. If that fails, he adds, there's always the option of moving the bin inside a dining hall. What that may do to diners' appetites, however, is another story.

—David Barker '06

PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB HANDELMAN AND TAD MERRICK

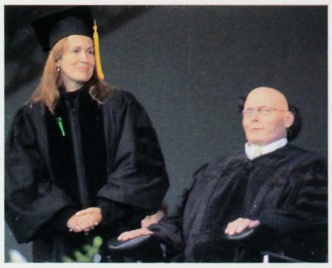
A New Turn in the Road

UNDER A LEADEN SKY emitting a fine, bone-chilling mist, 575 members of the Class of 2004 bounced, sloshed, slid, splashed, *processed* their way through a drenched but otherwise cheerful crowd of 5,000 assembled on the College's green for Middlebury's 202nd commencement. From a hillside vantage point, it was hard to differentiate between the robed graduates and the poncho-attired guests, as the students wound their way through a canyon of umbrellas to their seats facing an elaborate stage erected behind Voter Hall. On the dais, shielded somewhat from the elements, sat the Board of Trustees, honorary degree recipients, administrators, and selected faculty. The graduates, once seated, were at the mercy of an apparently grouchy Mother Nature; they didn't seem to mind.

The day before, President John M. McCardell, Jr., had regaled the class with a moving, yet quite humorous Baccalaureate address—McCardell's last as president—in which he drew upon an eyebrow-arching and seemingly incongruous pairing of American figures, country crooner Lee Ann Womack ("I Hope You Dance") and 19th-century historian Henry Adams, to formulate his last words to the class.

"Nunc Age. Now go," he concluded. "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away—we bid you good-bye, with a smile. We shall not forget you. We wish you well, until we meet again. And when you get a chance to sit it out or dance—keep in mind those famous last words: I hope you dance."

Unbeknownst to McCardell, his words would be echoed the following day by one of the commencement speakers, actor Christopher Reeve. Paralyzed from the neck down in an equestrian accident in 1995, Reeve has become a tireless advocate for the disabled, and he implored the graduates to take an active role in shaping the world.



WORDS TO REMEMBER Dana Morosini Reeve '84 and husband Christopher impart heartfelt wisdom; graduates say their good-byes.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL SIPE

Quote/Unquote

"I have to say though, it was much easier to get this one than the first one."

—Middlebury alumna Dana Morosini Reeve '84, upon receiving an honorary degree at the 2004 Commencement.

"I've learned by being literally paralyzed that, to a large extent, paralysis is a choice," Reeve said. "We can either watch from the sidelines or actively participate. We can rationalize inaction by deciding that one voice or one vote doesn't matter, or we can make the choice that inaction is unacceptable; either let self-doubt and feelings of inadequacy prevent us from realizing our potential, or embrace the fact that when we turn our attention away from ourselves, our potential is limitless."

Reeve's stage presence was imposing, accentuated rather than diminished by his wheelchair, and his voice, while somewhat raspy and thin, carried a strength and weight unmatched by anyone else this day. Beside him, his wife, Dana Morosini Reeve '84, beamed; moments earlier, in a speech both poignant and funny, the Middlebury alumna urged the graduates to be brave and optimistic: "There will be many choices before you, some of which you'll welcome and celebrate, and some over which you'll anguish. Some choices will choose you. How you face these choices, these turns in the road, with what kind of attitude, more than the choices themselves, is what will define the context of your life."

After the speeches, all that was left for the graduates was that little matter of receiving their diplomas. About a quarter of the way through the presentation, the sky opened up and the fine mist turned into a steady drizzle. From that point on, however, the cheers and whoops from the newly minted alums seemed to get just a little bit louder, a timely illustration of attitude defining the context of the day.

Text of the speeches can be found at www.middlebury.edu/offices/communications/home_page/commencement_2004.htm

A Moment in Time

Churchill Franklin '71 co-stars with honorary degree recipient Meryl Streep; a digital photo preserves a graduation moment

Did you know?

Since Middlebury's first commencement in 1802, the College has had four standing venues for graduation exercises (not including inclement-weather sites, such as Pepin Gymnasium). For more than a century (from 1802 until 1937), Middlebury's commencement occurred each spring at the town's Congregational Church. In 1938, exercises were moved to Mead Chapel, where they remained until 1949, before space constraints necessitated a move to Memorial Field House in 1950.

Middlebury's 13th president, Olin Robison, moved the ceremonies outside behind Forest Hall in his inaugural year as president, 1976. With expanding class sizes and faculty ranks, the Forest Hall site began to constrain participants, provoking the most recent change of venue to the main College green behind Voter Hall.

Primary Sources

In his student commencement address, Siddartha Rao '04 referenced *The Matrix*, *Romeo and Juliet*, Friedrich Nietzsche's *Daybreak*, and Indian philosopher Shankaracharya in his five-minute speech, "The Use and Abuse of a Liberal Arts Education."

Honorary Degree Quiz

SO, HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW MIDDLEBURY'S 2004 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS? Test your knowledge and see where you stand. By the way, we're not lobbing any softballs here. We assume you already know that Christopher Reeve once played Superman on the silver screen and that Meryl Streep has two Oscars to her name.

A. Christopher Reeve
B. Dana Morosini Reeve '84
C. Arthur Cohn
D. Kenneth Feinberg
E. Claire Waterhouse Gargalli '64
F. Marcia Kraft Goin'54
G. F. Washington Jarvis
H. William Storrs Lee '28
I. Paul Muldoon
J. Meryl Streep

1. Was the first woman to hold president, chief operating officer, and director titles in the American commercial banking world
2. Was a member of a U.S. delegation to a United Nations convention for the protection of underwater cultural heritage
3. In 2003, was accorded the Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, the highest civilian honor given by the French government
4. His 1998 book *Still Me* was on the *New York Times* best-seller list for 11 weeks
5. Is the president of the American Psychiatric Association
6. Has been described as the "most significant English-language poet born since the Second World War"
7. Was one of three arbitrators selected to determine the fair market value of the original Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination
8. Is the author of more than two-dozen books, including *Gamaliel Painter,* a biography of the College's principal founder
9. Is an ordained Episcopal priest
10. Was named one of America's Outstanding Women of 1995 by *CBS This Morning*

HOW MANY DID YOU ANSWER CORRECTLY?
0-2 Time to go back to school
3-5 OK, we'll let you pass, but no honors for you
6-8 Cum laude. Nice job
9-10 Time to get fitted for your cap and gown. As far as *Middlebury Magazine* is concerned, you're worthy of your own honorary degree

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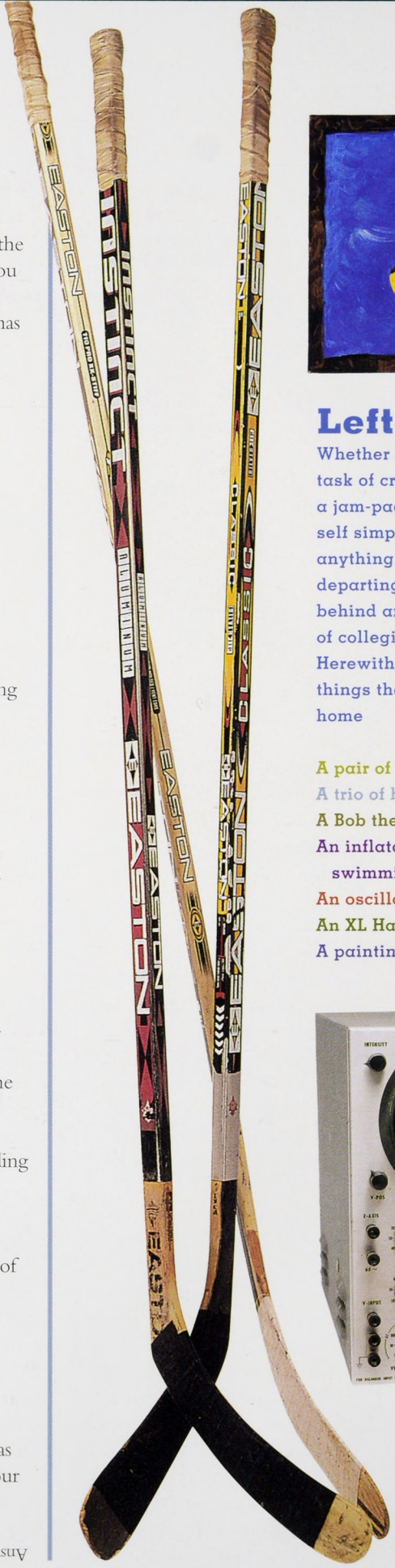
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A $50 Million Announcement

On a campus that was becoming accustomed to "important" announcements (John McCardell's November declaration that he would be stepping down as president; the April naming of Ron Liebowitz as his successor), an anonymous donor managed to send Middlebury, once again, into a collective state of shock and excitement in early May with a historic gift to the College: $50 million.

The gift—more accurately, a pledge—was the largest ever received by a New England liberal arts college and was immediately followed by a $10 million donation, also made by an anonymous donor. In making the pledge, the first donor hoped to "raise the sights of other friends of the College" and designated the $50 million as a challenge gift, requiring the institution to raise additional matching funds.

"It is the purest form of philanthropy," McCardell said, in announcing the $50 million gift on May 6. "A member of our extended family has chosen to give such generous support because the donor believes in the path the College has chosen and seeks to raise its sights and the sights of its many other alumni and friends. On this day, and with this gift, the landscape has changed."

The donor further specified that $10 million of the $50 million be allocated to the College's endowment, in honor of McCardell and that Bicentennial Hall be renamed John M. McCardell, Jr., Bicentennial Hall. The balance would then be directed to programs specific to Middlebury's core mission, specifically the Commons, grant support for financial aid, and faculty salaries.

The $50 million gift was the largest ever received by a New England liberal arts college.

The trustees have directed that faculty salaries reach the 80th percentile of the 21 schools with which the College compares itself. With the average salary of a full professor at $101,300, Middlebury currently ranks below the 50th percentile. (The top school in faculty compensation, Williams, has an average professor salary of $115,000.) In addition, the trustees are committed to increasing financial aid support through grants, while maintaining a policy of need-blind admissions and meeting 100 percent of a student's demonstrated financial need. Middlebury lags behind other peer institutions in grant support, resulting in a greater loan burden for students.

Because the two gifts are largely in the form of a pledge, $60 million has *not* been added to the College's endowment, as some media have reported. After declining in value the past two years, the endowment market value is expected to rise this year. As of May 31, the endowment stood at $685 million, up from around $575 million last year. Administrators say that day-to-day fiscal operations will not be affected by the gift commitment, as the College will continue to operate under budgetary constraints imposed to achieve a 5 percent endowment spend rate by 2008–09, as mandated by the trustees.

Still, for all the qualifying words and conditions, no one is exhibiting anything other than exuberance over the gift, least of all the man who received the news less than a month after being named president-elect.

"I can think of no better way to begin a presidency than with this astounding act of generosity and with the vote of confidence it represents for our College," Liebowitz said. "The donor quite obviously admires the direction the College has taken under President McCardell and believes we have the talent, energy, and enthusiasm here on campus to make the education we offer our students the very best among liberal arts colleges."

Davis in Cyberspace

When Howard Dean's race for the White House fizzled last winter, many people assumed that political science professor Eric Davis's stature as a media darling would meet a similar fate. After all, Davis had been anointed as a Dean expert, and with the former Vermont governor no longer in the race, people (including Davis) reasoned that the media would delete the Middlebury professor's contact info from their Palm Pilots.

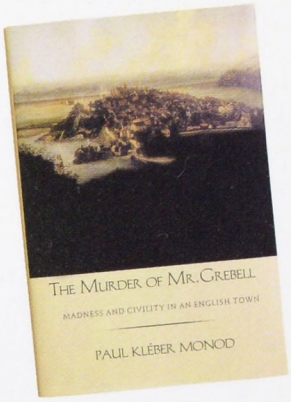
That hasn't exactly happened. True, Davis isn't fielding daily calls anymore, but he remains an oft-quoted source for stories relating to the presidential contest, from publications as widespread as the *Los Angeles Times* and Agence France-Presse.

In academe, Davis has also been on the leading edge of cybercasting (he first taught an online course to alumni in 1999), and this fall he'll be combining the two passions for what should make for a riveting course: Alumni College Online: The Election of 2004.

On four successive Wednesday evenings—from October 13 to November 3, the day after the presidential election—Davis will conduct a Web-based seminar on the presidential and congressional elections of 2004. Though technical issues are still being sorted out (the computer platform to be selected will determine which Web-streaming software is used, for instance), Davis expects enrollment information to be posted to the College Web site by mid- to late September.

Faculty Shelf

IN HIS NEW BOOK, *The Murder of Mr. Grebell* (Yale University Press, 2004), Professor of History Paul Monod uses a brutal murder, committed in 1743, to launch an exploration of the people and town in which it took place. Monod delves into the small town of Rye, England, and the political, religious, and cultural dynamics that shaped life there over two centuries. Students of history will find this book intriguing because as Monod investigates the crime itself, the subsequent, highly irregular trial, and the aftermath, he explains where he looked for evidence, where he found it, and how he arrived at his conclusions.



BodyStories (University Press of New England, 2004) by Andrea Olsen, professor of dance, provides 31 self-guided sessions to enhance awareness about one's anatomy, body systems, and attitudes. Insightful personal stories interspersed throughout add depth to the program. This book is useful for students of dance, massage, and yoga, or anyone who wishes to increase their physical and mental conditioning.

Ponder This

TONY KUSHNER MAKES YOU THINK—not only about what he's saying, which is often in the form of riveting verbal gymnastics, but also about the need to question what you hear.

In late April, the prolific and highly acclaimed playwright appeared before a standing-room-only audience of students, faculty, staff, and members of the wider Champlain Valley community, who had gathered in Dana Auditorium for the opportunity to hear the Pulitzer and Tony Award winner read from an as-yet-to-be-staged work.

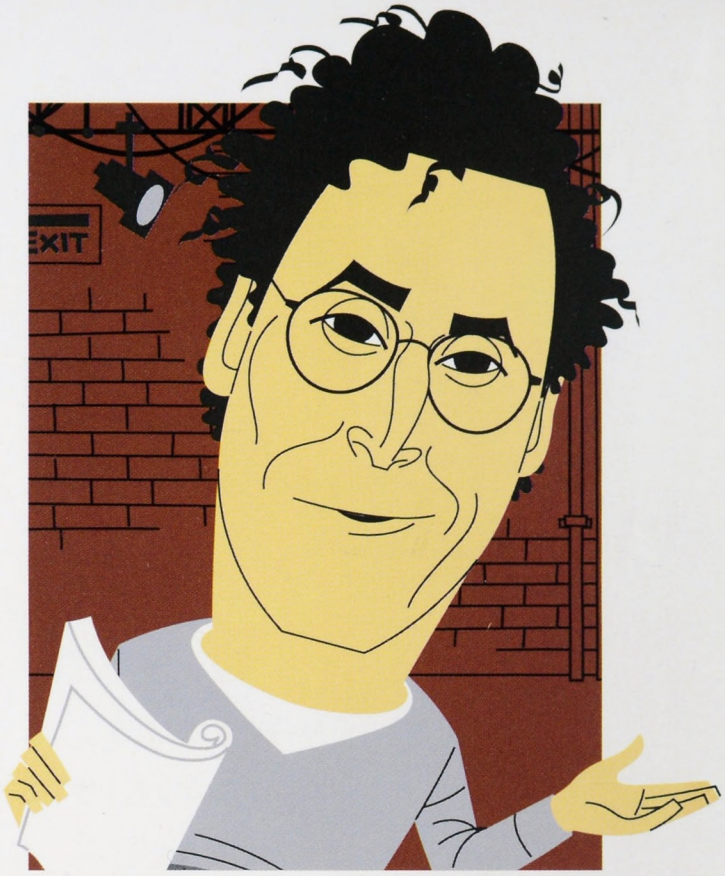
Kushner stepped onstage lightly, with more familiarity than flair. His unassuming presence and relaxed manner were a refreshing surprise, considering his ascent as one of the preeminent critical theatre voices of this generation. Wearing a simple suit and tie, he spoke directly to the audience, as if he were speaking to a small gathering at a cocktail party: He would be reading the first scene of a work in progress, he explained, "Only We Who Guard the Mystery Shall Be Unhappy," and he would be joined onstage by a pair of Middlebury theatre students, Liz Myers '04 and Cassidy Freeman '04.

The scene opened with First Lady Laura Bush, read by Kushner, arriving to read aloud to a group of schoolchildren. But in Kushner's world, the children were not Americans but pajama-clad bodily spirits of Iraqi youth killed by American bombs in the decade since the end of the Gulf War. It was a highly charged scene of intense political criticism, yet it was also disarmingly funny. Kushner painted a First Lady who swung from chitchatting innocuously to making apparent justifications for murder, and when she read aloud, it was not the typical storybook fare but the "Grand Inquisitor" passage from Dostoyevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*. A lengthy monologue toward the end created a crescendo that illuminated a true heart beneath the rhetoric. And yet, when the scene abruptly ended, Kushner appeared to impart that, revelations aside, this heart is, and always will stay, beneath the rhetoric.

The reading was vintage Kushner—challenging, shocking, yet also seductive, imploring the audience to become alive and open, emotionally and politically. You found that his pleasantries and unpleasantries made you squirm, until suddenly you were thinking, really thinking, about the deeply serious issues he was raising. Whether you agreed with him seemed to be beside the point.

After the reading, Dana Yeaton, Middlebury's visiting lecturer in theatre, joined the playwright onstage for a brief interview. Kushner reflected on his "S&M relationship with last-minute deadlines," which includes eating multiple boxes of cookies washed down with gallons of Coke to spur enjoyable suffering, and he invited the audience to "cross fingers" for his upcoming openings (*Homebody/Kabul* and *Caroline, or Change*, both in May in New York). Throughout the interview, Kushner was never at a loss for words. And those words seemed to have quite an impact, leaving many in that crowded auditorium determined to become more thoughtfully involved in their lives.

—Blair Kloman, M.A. English '94



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Reality Check

Compelling story lines? Check. Tension? Check. Moments when things looked doubtful? Check. National title on the line? Check. Drama? Oh, yeah.

So, what sport are we talking about here, men's tennis or women's lacrosse? Well, both.

On a weekend in May, when both the men's tennis team and the women's lax squad were playing for national titles, there was enough tension, adversity, and, yes, drama present that, had you scripted it, your manuscript would have been sent back for a rewrite for being *unrealistic*.

The women's lacrosse team was playing for its fifth title, men's tennis for its first. Each would face the defending national champion in the NCAA semifinals, and in each case the opponent—Amherst (lax) and Emory (tennis)—was the team that eliminated the Panthers *last* year. And that's just the semifinals.

In the women's lacrosse national title game, Middlebury faced a College of New Jersey team that had won titles in 1998 and 2000. In tennis, the Panthers squared off against a Williams squad that had won trophies in '01 and '02.

Now, players and coaches will never admit that they had moments of doubt during a game or match, but let's say circumstances were far from ideal in the lacrosse final when Middlebury's top two scorers—Nuala O'Donohoe '04 and Elizabeth Renehan '06—were ejected for stick infractions in the second period of a game destined for overtime. And on the tennis courts, momentum was not on Middlebury's side when Williams captured the doubles point and the No. 1 singles match on it's way to a quick 3–1 lead in the best-of-seven championship match.

So there it is: compelling story lines, tension, adversity, title on the line, and drama. Sprinkle in tidbits like this—the tennis title came down to the No. 6 match between a Midd first-year and a Williams senior who was regarded as the *best* No. 6 player in the country—and the drama quotient borders on the ridiculous. Borders, that is, until Alex Scott '07 smashes an overhead winner on championship point, before crumpling to the ground in agony, from muscle cramps, and ecstasy, from capturing the school's first NCAA title in men's tennis. Borders, that is, until a pair of sophomore lax players—Michele Bergofsky and Channing Weymouth—net overtime goals, catapulting Middlebury to its fifth women's lacrosse title in seven years. At which point the drama quotient explodes past the place where ridiculous begins, and heads for territory best described as unbelievable.

Photograph by Aaron Todd

Game, Set, Match
Bolstered by a youth brigade that featured two first-years, three sophomores, and a junior among its top six, Middlebury tennis captured its first national title.

Go Figure

5
Number of national titles captured by Middlebury teams in 2003–2004 (women's cross country, men's and women's ice hockey, women's lacrosse, men's tennis)

22
National titles Middlebury has won since the College began competing in postseason play in 1995

70–1
Women's lacrosse record over the past four seasons

5
Number of sophomores and first-years among the top six players on the men's tennis team

Breaking Away

In four years, the Davison sisters have gone from biking novices to world beaters.

By Sarah Tuff '95

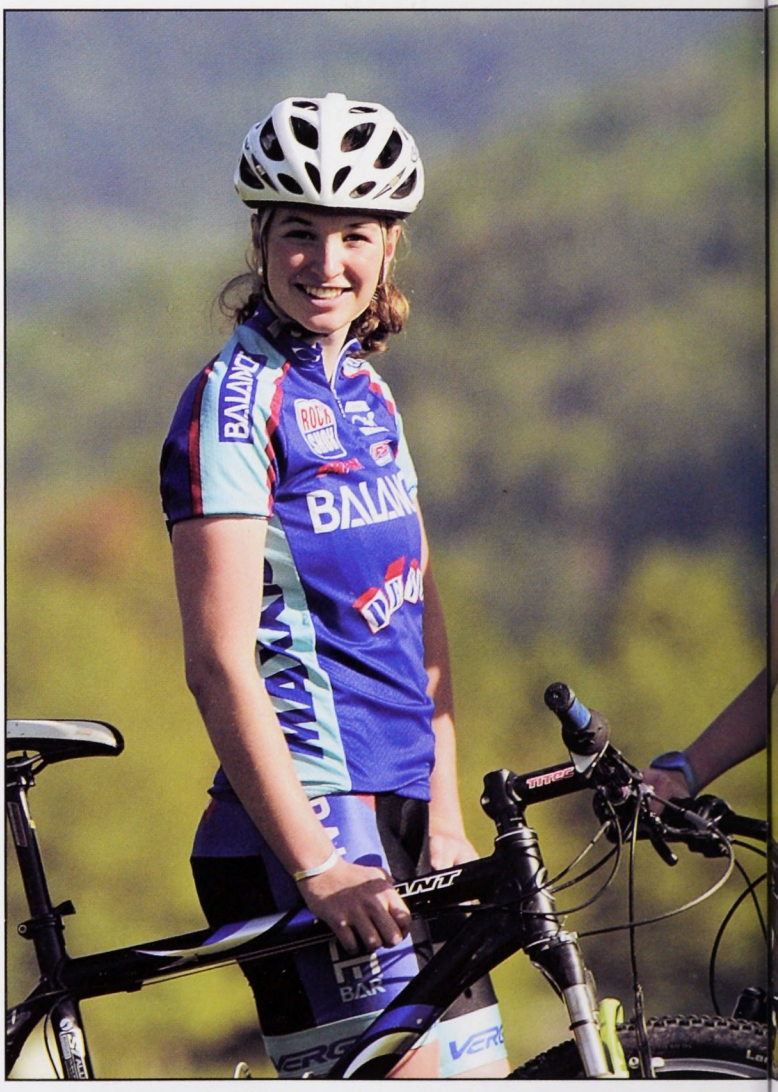
The ominous storm clouds hulking over Lake Champlain suddenly erupt, pounding the Catamount Family Center with rain and ruining the prospect of an afternoon mountain-bike ride for Lea and Sabra Davison ('05 and '07). Instead, the animated duo is forced to lounge around on the old farmhouse's saggy couches, anxiously waiting out the storm.

The Davisons first competed at Catamount—a recreational candyland of rollicking, wooded trails in Williston, Vermont—in 2000. Alpine ski racers and runners from nearby Jericho, they'd picked up mountain biking that spring at the suggestion of Lea's boyfriend. "He questioned why we wanted to run around in circles, saying trails are so much fun," says Sabra, who was in high school at the time. Plus, the girls reasoned, they already had strong lungs from running and a daredevil streak from bombing down Vermont's ice-slick ski slopes.

So Lea, then a high school junior, took a few spins; soon Sabra joined in, and before they knew it, they were at the starting line of a few Wednesday night races, sitting in the saddles of their purple Mongoose Hilltoppers. "I was like, OK, I'll just ride my bike," laughs Lea. "I had no idea what I was doing."

The rest of the mountain biking world, meanwhile, had no idea what kind of storm was about to hit. In just months, the Davisons catapulted to the top of the standings in the Eastern Cup series, and then started smoking the field in various National Off-Road Bicycle Association (NORBA) championships (roughly 14,000 offroaders compete under the NORBA banner). Before the races began, they'd look in awe at the competitors whose jerseys matched their bikes; after a couple of hours on the course, though, these riders would be staring right back at the Davisons, who were climbing the podium.

"Everyone was like, 'Where did these girls come from?'" says Lea, who qualified for the 2001 World Junior Mountain Biking Championships at Vail—without knowing such a competition existed. What she and Sabra did know, however, was that their new hobby was a whole lot of fun. They joined a local bike racing team, started road cycling to add to their endurance, and took the tumbles that served as rites of passage. "Mountain biking takes a degree of toughness and grit compared to other sports that don't have as much carnage," says Audrey Augustin, a rider from Waitsfield, Vermont, who coached the



Sister Act
Sabra '07 and Lea Davison '05 (right) have taken the mountain biking world by storm, emerging as the sport's best American talent.

Photograph by Chris Milliman

Davisons for three years. "Lea and Sabra just embrace it. Give them a good hard race and they thrive—roots, rocks, mud, and all." At one point, Sabra (nickname: Debris) was so scraped and bruised, her high school guidance counselor asked if she had been abused; Lea rode for an entire season without an anterior cruciate ligament, which she had torn skiing.

It was not bloody knees, however, but a contagious exuberance that caught the attention of their parents and convinced them to replace the purple Mongooses. Their father Jeff, an engineer at IBM, became a part-time bike mechanic for the girls, while mom Lucia has recently been inspired to cycle dozens of miles a day. "When Lea qualified for Worlds, we sat for two hours wondering what happened," said Lucia. "Everything was moving so quickly."

This is a feeling shared by Lea and Sabra, whose performances landed them on Team Balance Bar/Devo (the developmental group funded by the biking industry for the nation's best junior bikers), which would eventually lead them to positions on the professional circuit. (In addition to Balance, both are now sponsored by Giant Bikes, Giro, Oakley, Rock Shox and Time Pedal; Lea went pro in 2002, and this is Sabra's first summer as a pro.) Earning the prestigious spots on the team, says Lea, "happened so quickly, we didn't know how important it was. At the start of Worlds, it wasn't like I'd been working five years to get there—I just thought, I'm going to have fun and do the best I can."

And that best just happens to be better than most. Since romping through fields as kids, Lea and Sabra have moved through the outdoors with a remarkable, unique finesse and fearlessness. "They're excellent athletes, both mentally and physically," says Augustin. "They really have the drive and determination to work hard at whatever sport they pursue—we're fortunate that they discovered the bicycle."

Lea and Sabra also discovered the slipperiness of sibling rivalry. A pattern of 1–2 finishes was emerging at races, with Lea consistently nabbing first. "It was subconscious, but I thought, 'OK, Lea's supposed to win, and I'm supposed to come in second, and she'll get really, really mad at me if it doesn't happen that way,'" says Sabra, who, with Lea, sought the advice of Olympian and ski-racing coach Barbara Ann Cochran, who taught them how to turn their competitive spirit into a positive force. Before joining her sister at Middlebury, Sabra had some breathing room to focus on preparing for the 2002 and 2003 World Junior Championships in Austria and Switzerland. Now, the urge to compete comes in handy during tough practices, when they yell at each other to finish.

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Occasionally, though, those sessions are more subdued, like when nasty winter weather keeps them indoors, pedaling on their trainers and watching old episodes of *Sex and the City.* ("It's got a fast beat," says Sabra.) Prescribed up to 24 hours of biking a week, the Davisons' daily workouts are arduous. Though they hope to make the 2008 Olympics in Beijing (only three American mountain bikers will compete in Athens this year), and turn mountain biking into a career, the sisters also aspire to maximize their intellectual talents.

It can be trying; when campus is flush with spring fever, Lea and Sabra must stay focused on both school and the intense summer season ahead of them. But instead of training on their own, the Davisons recruit a mini-*peloton* of students to accompany them on rides to Middlebury Gap, Morgan Horse Farm, and swimming holes. For single-track riding, they head over to Waitsfield, where a "fellowship of the wheel" among local mountain bikers has allowed them to discover secret trails.

This summer, they're competing at NORBA Nationals and a World Cup throughout the Northeast, before heading west for more NORBA Nationals (aiming to qualify for September's World Championships in France). The Davisons plan to swing by their uncle's place in Utah to pick up their race-to-race transportation—a Volkswagen bus—and tool around on the carbon-fiber tandem road bikes he manufactures.

"It's tricky, the balance!" says Lea of riding a bicycle built for two.

"If the other person shifts at all, it's horrible," says Sabra.

"It was a scary experience," says Lea. "We kind of got the hang of it, though."

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No Entiendo

Terrorist attacks in Madrid leave a study-abroad student dazed and confused.

By David Lindholm '05

DID HE SAY SOMETHING FUNNY? I think so. Nod, laugh, I tell myself. *Show him you understand.*

"You have no idea what I just said, do you?" my friend asks.

"No," I'm forced to reply. "Not a clue."

After five weeks as an American student in Logroño, Spain, I had become quite accustomed to not understanding what was going on. Teachers patiently waited for answers to questions I didn't quite comprehend. Players on my soccer team routinely slowed down their speech and gave me an opening to get involved in conversation, before resuming the sprint that is their native Spanish tongue. Just the other night my flatmate, Óscar, invited me to his room so he could smoke while we continued our conversation. But I, thinking he had said that he was going to smoke and then return to finish our conversation, patiently waited for him to come back.

"You have to tell me if you don't understand what I'm saying," he said when he returned and explained his original invitation.

"Now *you* don't understand," I replied. "I thought I did know what you were saying!"

So you can imagine my utter confusion and terror on the Thursday morning in March when I turned on the television and saw a horrifying landscape—trains with gaping holes in their sides, blood-streaked people running and yelling, police and emergency workers looking as stunned as the injured victims—accompanied by a soundtrack I could barely understand.

Once I learned that my friends in Madrid were safe, my fear subsided, but my head continued to swirl. *What's going on? Who did this? Why was this done?* I learned that a friend was supposed to be on one of the targeted trains but opted at the last minute to take another route. Another friend was going to come to Madrid for spring break but cancelled his plans. I felt profoundly alone—even when I was surrounded by people—and I could barely hold a coherent thought. Fevered arguments rushed through my head: *It could have been worse, 9/11 showed me that . . . don't think that, don't diminish this tragedy . . . everyone I know is safe . . . but so many others died!*

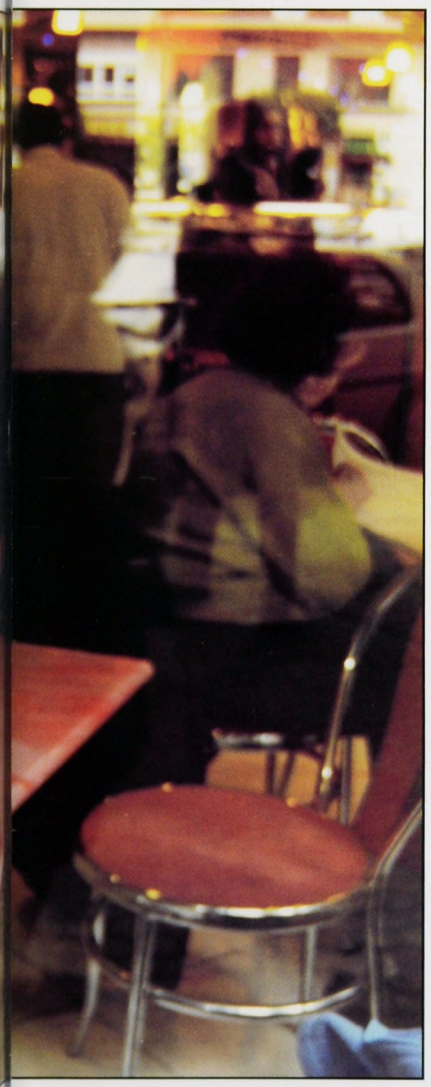
I was feeling the same way I had on that Tuesday, September 11, exactly two years and six months before: bewildered and exposed. I hadn't expected that kind of raw, exposed terror to follow me to Spain. I also felt alone: profoundly alone. Even in

TRUE REFLECTIONS
Already feeling somewhat like a stranger in a strange land, David Lindholm '05 reaches a new level of uncertainty when terrorism strikes.

Photograph by Carly Calhoun

crowds I would be by myself, thinking about those questions, and wondering how all of this would affect the world, and how it would affect me.

My confusion had taken on a new dimension. While the language barrier was still significant enough to add to my feeling of discomfort and uncertainty, my confusion now originated in the unknown, not the uncertain.



One of the initial phrases I learned in my first Spanish class was *no entiendo,* meaning "I don't understand." These two words have served me well in Spain, but now I'm using *no entiendo* in a different way. I don't understand the actions of the terrorists. I don't understand what I should be feeling.

On March 12, people began to talk about attending *manifestación*. The literal English definition, manifestation, didn't make sense to me; so I asked Óscar what people were talking about. A rally, Óscar explained. People were going to gather in the city and walk somewhere, or something like that; I wasn't quite sure what he said. Later, I heard President Aznar mention *manifestación* on the news: apparently every Spanish city was going to have a *manifestación* that Friday evening. All across Spain, people were going to gather in their city or town—and march.

That night, still a bit uncertain about what was going to happen, my friend Jeff and I walked out of my apartment and into the street. We were swept up by a stream of people all hurrying in the same direction. After about 10 minutes, we neared the center of the city. As we rounded a corner, our tributary of people flowed into Gran Via, Logroño's biggest street. There were people as far as I could see in every direction. Sidewalks, parking lanes, medians, and four driving lanes were filled with pedestrians; even when I climbed a small fence I couldn't see the edge of the crowd.

Many people held signs with phrases like *No Al Terrorismo;* others cradled pictures of the Spanish flag with a black ribbon in the middle, the symbol of the recent tragedy. The balconies overlooking the street were vacant. There were no observers that night, only participants.

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We began to hear a faint sound, rhythmic clapping that seemed to beckon from the distance. Like an approaching storm, the noise grew louder and closer, until it washed over us, an electric wave of pulsing energy. It lasted only a few moments before continuing on its way. This was one of many reverent outpourings in Logroño that evening.

The crowd began to move forward, and we stepped aside as people surged past. After about 15 minutes, with no end to the throng in sight, we rejoined the masses. Overwhelmed with emotion, I was humbled into silence. It was raining now, and though I was thoroughly soaked, my mind was on other things, both philosophical and practical. We had done something extraordinary by gathering together in such magnitude, but that itself felt dangerous; *what if a terrorist had decided to attack right then?* And while I would like to say that seeing all those people together in respect for the dead and in defiance of terrorism renewed my faith in the human spirit (it may have, a little), a more cynical side of me couldn't help thinking: *What did we hope to accomplish?* As moving as the *manifestación* was, I knew the scenes of war and death would be waiting for me on the television when I returned to my apartment.

These thoughts bounced around my head as we followed the trail, down Gran Via, left onto Calle del General Vara de Rey, and around the corner onto Avenida de la Paz, before arriving at Logroño's city hall. At that moment, I didn't feel so alone; I almost felt like any other person in Logroño. We had all poured out into the street—everyone in the city, and more than 11 million people nationwide did the same, at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, March 12.

Yet as I stood there, engulfed by this mass of humanity, I couldn't reconcile such powerful demonstrations of love (*manifestación*) and hate (terrorism), conviction and confusion.

One thing I did know is that I was affected by the attacks, by the *manifestación*. With each passing day, I may gain a greater understanding of the Spanish language, but as for my understanding of the world around me? I still have to say "*No entiendo*."

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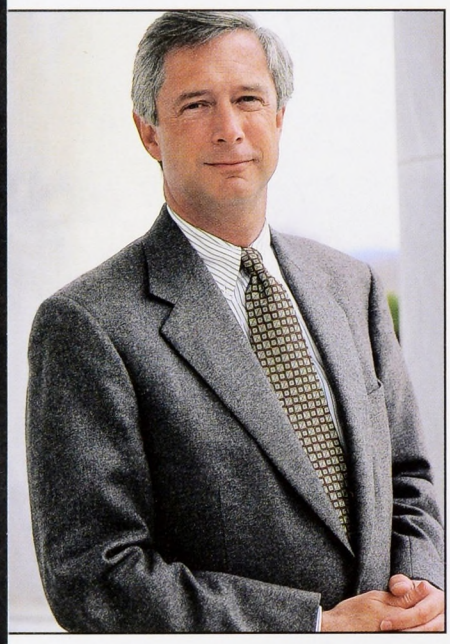
A Road Taken

With a Reunion Weekend address, John M. McCardell, Jr., delivers his final words as president.

By John M. McCardell, Jr.



WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF SPRING IN Vermont, a perfect season for glances both backward and forward. In this season there blooms a flower—or, rather, there bloom mounds and mounds of flowers—that to me have always been the perfect symbol for Reunion Weekend. These flowers grow in clusters. From afar they appear a great mass of blue. Up close they stand out individually on their stems, delicate blossoms of blue and white. I suspect that there are this weekend at the President's House at least as many of these individual flowers in bloom as there are living graduates of this College—at least 23,000. They return every year in late May and early June in ever-increasing numbers, and they are as sturdy and reliable a perennial as any in our spring garden.

For all these reasons they are the perfect Reunion flower. And there is one more reason, and that is the name, the perfect name, given to these flowers that bloom in such profusion at Reunion. They are called, as I'm sure you all know, Forget-Me-Nots.

Forget-Me-Nots.

What clearer or simpler or more beautiful a message could we have placed, all around us, on Reunion Weekend, than Forget-Me-Nots? And for all those alumni who may have harbored doubts about returning this weekend—will I recognize anybody? will anybody recognize me? will I recognize the *College* or has everything changed so much that the College I remember and the College I attended has utterly disappeared?—for all those alumni, I hope, by now, the Forget-Me-Not does indeed represent your own experience back on campus. You *have not* forgotten. You *are not* forgotten.

Now truth to tell, for a president counting his time left in office in days rather than months or years, this matter of forgetting—and being forgotten—holds a special poignancy that, I must confess, is particularly acute! Lest you think this concern misplaced, watch the glazed-over eyes and puzzled looks in certain parts of this Chapel at the mention of the names Thomas or Moody or Stratton. Direct your attention to other sectors to witness vacant expressions in response to the names Armstrong or Robison. And could anyone here present name any of their predecessors, except possibly Jeremiah Atwater, never mind place them in order? Only those who might recall the old Middlebury "Ode to Prexy" composed by Storrs Lee '28 could recite "Atwater, Davis, Joshua Bates, Ben Labaree, Kitchel tall—and Hulbert, Hamlin, Brainerd, Thomas, Moody most of all"—or sing it, as Steve Freeman once sang it to me, confessing that it was the only way *he* could remember the names of all of Middlebury's presidents.

The fact is that, though all 14 of my predecessors left their marks on this College and helped nurture it to its present state of robust health, the story of this College, in the long run and in the fullness of time, has little to do with its presidents, or, for that matter, with its boards. These may be human manifestations of institutional strength, but they are not its source. No, what you—what we—remember and treasure about our College may involve things made possible by leadership. But the individual leaders, by and large, are not what we remember.

We remember classes and professors, dorm, fraternity or sorority life, lectures and concerts and plays, sports contests, and Winter Carnival. And with all those things we remember people; we remember friends. And in remembering and reconnecting with friends, we celebrate friendships, the special friendships forged in this place, through triumph and adversity, that have weathered all of life's seasons and remain persistent, durable, and abundantly rich in spirit.

Middlebury is not about processes, spreadsheets, models, projections, ratios, or triumphal recitation of annual statistical achievements. Those things matter, but they are not what this place is about. This place is about people: about faculty members who taught you

Photograph by Paul O. Boisvert

mastery of a subject, yes, but who also taught by example; who cared about you as a student (and as a human being) and continued—continue—to care, who may not admit it, but who read the magazine from back to front, beginning with the class notes. It's about faculty members like Howard Munford '34, who took a chance on a very green Harvard history student back in 1976, invited him to teach a section of American literature, and served as his first department chair. Howard's expertise on the work of the great historian Henry Adams is legendary; in fact, his favorite quote is Adams on the teacher: "a teacher affects eternity," Adams wrote, "he can never tell where his influence stops." Howard is a living example of a teacher respected and beloved by generations of Middlebury students and a friend whom it was my great honor to escort down the aisle in this afternoon's Convocation procession.

It is also about coaches who taught you the finer points of a sport, but who also understood what it means to be an educator, and to whose offices you always return when you are back on campus; or about a groundskeeper or a custodian or a librarian or a dining service worker or a secretary or a lab assistant or a security officer or a dean or a chaplain . . . the list is endless!

These are the people who, as the generations glide, have made Middlebury what it is. And these are the reasons why, though new buildings may arise and presidents may come and go, the essential spirit of this College will persist and endure, unchanged.

And so the state of our College is, indeed, strong. And I am content, indeed serene, to realize that 50 years from now, or maybe less, the eyes may glaze over and the vacant expressions appear when the name of McCardell is mentioned. Because whatever may have been accomplished over the past 13 years has less, far less, to do with me than it does with you. It may have fallen to me to be the troubadour, to set the words to music. But the words are, by themselves, powerful and uplifting: words like "community" and "family," expressions like "work hard, play hard," "lifelong learning," and "the whole person," and, not least, "character." These words describe *you* and more than 23,000 others like you. By *your* accomplishment, *your* commitment, *your* support, this College has been enabled to set its feet on lofty places and may now set its sights on loftier places still in the better days that lie ahead. You have made good on our version of the oath taken by the citizens of Athens: to transmit to their successors a city not less beautiful but more beautiful than it was when they received it. And I have had the immense privilege to set your—to set our—hopes and dreams to music. And because you know the music as well as the words, you have helped sing the song and tell the story of this remarkable College across the country and around the globe.

We renew our version of that ancient oath this weekend and go forth to celebrate the name and carry out the unfinished business of this College. And we *will* transmit to those who follow us, as our predecessors transmitted to us, a College even more beautiful than the one we received.

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And next spring and in the springs to come, when the Forget-Me-Nots are once more in bloom, and you return to campus for another Reunion with classmates and friends older, wiser, grayer or balder, perhaps you will, as you gaze again upon this campus, pluck a tiny blue flower to place in your lapel and add your recollection of this moment, today, to your store of memories. In that springtime, reunited, we—Middlebury College—will know that you do not forget, and you will know that, on this small patch of extraordinary beauty, you are not—and will never be—forgotten.

The poet Auden perhaps said it best, in a work that has long been a favorite of mine, entitled "Good-Bye to the Mezzogiorno." "Go I must," Auden wrote, "but I go grateful, and invoking my sacred meridian names . . . to bless this region, its vendanges, and those who call it home. Though one cannot always remember exactly why one has been happy, there is no forgetting that one was."

And so go I must, but I, too, go grateful, and offer this valedictory blessing, as I have to each of the 13 classes over whose graduations I have presided:

Now go—softly yet confidently forth. Know that our thoughts and our prayers go with you. Know, too, that you are always welcome here.

Now go—and though now you may believe yourselves to be educated, may you never take yourselves too seriously, and may you always retain a sense of humor, which is, after all, nothing more than a sense of perspective.

Now go—and as you begin, in the words of the great historian Henry Adams, to "account to yourself, for yourself, somehow, may you continue for the rest of your lives to strive to broaden the limited reach of your own understanding." And may you be granted wisdom and courage to seek to set your own feet on lofty places.

Now go—and as you spin out the thread of your lives, may you find strength in life's labors, love in its homing, and peace at the end of the day.

And finally—may you from time to time lift your eyes to these hills, from whose strength generations of Middlebury men and women have drawn confidence and courage and hope.

We shall not forget you. And we wish you well, until we meet again.

Statuesque
Mercy Trent '06 (riding Iceman) and other members of the College club Equestrians compete under the umbrella of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.
Photograph by Bob Handelman

Pictorial characters abound in the winning entry of the Second Annual Fiction Contest

Hieroglyphics

BY GREG TULONEN '91 • ILLUSTRATIONS BY KIMBERLY ROBERSON

HERE'S MY FATHER, POINTING OUT VENUS: "Look, Gordon, there on the horizon. The evening star. It's not really a star; it's a planet. Later, I'll show you the Big Dipper and Orion."

I'm five, maybe six. We've spent the day filling his pickup truck with junk from the house and bringing it to the dump. (That's our project while Mom's away visiting her sister.) We've made three trips, cleaned out most of the basement and the attic, but on our return trips have brought back enough to clutter half the front porch. "Who would throw this away?" Dad asked at the dump, plucking a copper lamp from the rubble. "All it needs is a good polish and some rewiring. I'll show you how this weekend." I'm definitely six then because that's the day we found the bat sleeping in the attic.

There's a bump on my father's finger, the one he uses to point at things, right at the base of the fingernail. He got it when he was a kid by turning his bicycle upside down, cranking the pedal, and sticking his finger into the spokes. I don't know why he did that but I can see him doing it as if I were there with him.

Here's Ginger, weekend bartender at Lucky Dog Bar, pulling me a beer from the tap, wearing a ribbed white tank top, a wine-glass-shaped sweat stain nested between her breasts. Here's Rock & Roll, her boyfriend (that's his real name; he'll show you his birth certificate if you ask him), beating people at pool at the back of the bar, watching Ginger, making sure nobody flirts with her too much. "Easy, friend," he'll say every once in a while, quiet, so you know he means it.

My favorite story about my father doesn't even have him in it. This was a couple of years ago. Some friends of mine and I had arrived early for a movie and were first in line. We'd been waiting

outside in the cold for quite a while, and the line had gotten very long. The theater doors were about to open. Latecomers buying tickets decided to cluster near us on the sidewalk, obviously hoping to drift in with the first of us when we were finally allowed inside. Annoyed by these potential line-cutters, I said to my friends, "If my dad were here, he'd tell those people"—and here I adopted his voice: "All you people get to the back of the line." I said this to my friends, just as an example of how my father and I are different, but as soon as I said it, everyone who had been milling around hoping to sneak in ahead of us trotted down to the end of the line like good soldiers.

Here's my friend Dan Hand, Archer Long Distance Service's top seller, hurtling across the barroom just the same way he hurtles across the office: like it's on fire and he's trying to make friends with the flames. "What's the word, Gordon?" he shouts at me as he passes my desk, my barstool. He's smiling; the guy's always smiling. All's quiet, I tell him. "Let's shake things up then," he says, gliding past me, past the next desk, the next bar stool, and the one after that, greeting everyone by name, saying a few words to everyone. Everyone likes Dan.

Rock & Roll owns the Lucky Dog, but it's Ginger who does all the work. Rock & Roll spends all his time destroying people in game after game of pool, watching to make sure that nobody hits on Ginger. It's a delicate situation: Ginger hits on everybody, a fact that Rock & Roll has yet to notice. A patron of the Lucky Dog who may feel inclined to return Ginger's flirtations must at first gauge just how focused Rock & Roll is on his game, keeping in mind that Rock & Roll once put Bill Grief into the hospital for dropping a tip down the front of Ginger's shirt.

Gerry Ekus is playing a game of pool with Rock & Roll now, and Dan Hand's waiting to play. So is Joel Nuedecker. They all work at Archer Long Distance Services, like me. We cold-call people all day long, trying to get them to switch from whatever long-distance service they have now to Archer. Dan Hand is the best at it. The best.

I was always amazed at what my father could get people to do, either with charm or with anger. He could make the gas station attendant who had just closed up turn the pumps back on so we could get five dollars' worth. He could sweet-talk old ladies into changing seats in the movie theater if there were no two seats together. When we were out driving, he would chase down people who littered. I'm talking actual car chases here, weaving in and out of traffic, screaming and swearing, until the litterers pulled over. In the passenger seat, I'd watch the confused drivers turn and look at us in bewilderment. I felt sorry for them. I'd been here before. I knew how this story ended. They'd be going back for that McDonald's wrapper or Coke can, my furious father supervising their every move.

Rule #1 in the Archer Long Distance Services employee manual is ***"No" is not an option***. *Never take "no" for an answer. Ever. "No" means "Maybe." "I'm not interested" means "Tell me more."* All employees must keep Archer's list of rules tacked up to the walls of their cubicles. Our bosses walk back and forth behind us all day, making sure we don't break any. If, when I call you, I'm pulling you away from your dinner or your bath or your lover or your favorite TV show, remember that I'm not allowed to take no for an answer in those first five minutes we speak. This is not an apology. (***Rule #24: Never apologize.*** *Express disappointment and irritation if you sense doubt. People don't like to offend and are more likely to stay on the line if they think they've hurt your feelings.*)

A few bar stools down, Dan Hand sits next to a woman I've never seen before. He's hunched over the bar, writing away like a madman. I try to catch her eye. "What's he doing?" I try to say with my eyes, all amused, like what is he, writing a novel? She smiles at me, but not the conspiratorial smile I'm looking for. It's the smile an adult gives to a simple kid who doesn't quite

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get what's going on.

In my cubicle, at my desk: "To help you decide if Archer Long Distance is right for you," I say into the phone, "allow me to tell you about our sliding-scale rate system." It's all written down for me, everything I say all day long. Dan Hand explained it to me once. Every sentence contains a subliminal message: *Archer Long Distance is right for you . . . Allow me to tell you . . .* They're commands, Dan says. Put the right emphasis on them, and people will do whatever you want.

"She's deaf," Ginger says, suddenly right there across the bar from me.

"What?"

"She's deaf. That woman you're checking out. That's why your friend's writing everything down. She can't hear."

"Can't she read lips?"

Ginger doesn't say anything. Things aren't the way they are in movies. Deaf people in movies, they're always these amazing people. They can read lips, read minds, anything. I saw a TV movie about a deaf Olympic skier who solves crimes. In movies, there are no ordinary deaf people.

It's not just deaf people. Take my wife. She's adopted, but does that mean she's tracking down her birth mother for some inevitable tearful reunion? No. She doesn't care who her mom was. Honest. Movies aren't like that. Everything has to mean something in movies. This deaf woman here, at the bar, she's okay looking. I mean, not drop-dead or anything like she would be in a movie, but pretty good. If I weren't married, I might even take a shot myself—if I had any idea how to approach her. Tell her my name, I guess, and ask her for hers. What then? Once I'd established contact, where would I go from there?

(***Rule #17: "I" becomes "We."*** *Initially, it is important to establish a one-on-one exchange with a potential client, but as the presentation advances, the distinction between you and the company must be eliminat-*

ed. Gradually discontinue use of the word "I"; instead, refer to "we" and "Archer Long Distance.")

Here I am on the deck with my father. It's a warm day in early spring, sunny, and we're sitting outside for the first time in ages. He's brought a bowl of chips out there, and we're eating them at the green metal table at the corner of the deck. All of a sudden he stands up and takes the bowl of chips across the deck over to one of the long deck chairs. I'm annoyed at this, and I let him know by dragging my chair over by his and setting up shop by the relocated bowl of chips. "Here, take 'em," he says after a minute. "You sure?" "Yep, take 'em back to the table." A few minutes later: "And could you try chewing with your mouth closed? The noise is really getting to me."

That was it. The joy of the day just drained out of me. The chip in my mouth felt like a turd. I waited as long as I could, went to the bathroom, and cried for ten minutes.

Here I am, Gordon Hammart, standing in the dark, touching the trunk of a house-high evergreen shaped like a ball. Looking up, I can see stars through the branches, some of the constellations my father taught me.

This is my favorite story about my father in which he actually puts in an appearance: He's driving me somewhere. Neither of us is talking. On the sidewalk a little down the street from us, there are two blind men, arms on each other's shoulders, shuffling along. My father sighs, rolls his eyes, shakes his head and says: "The blind leading the blind." That's it. He doesn't let on that he's making a joke. For many years I thought of that and was able to forgive him almost anything.

Dan Hand's playing Rock & Roll in pool now. Joel Nuedecker has taken Dan's bar stool next to the deaf woman. He's writing on a cocktail napkin, and the woman leans in towards him, looking down at the napkin and nodding as he writes. After a minute or two, she takes the pen and starts writing something on the back of a business card.

My father and I built a treehouse together when I was eight. That was the year my mother left. We went to the lumberyard and my father introduced me to everyone there, even though he was meeting them all for the first time himself. He told them that I was the architect and that he was just my worker. They all laughed and held their hands out, palms up, for me to give them five. I slapped all their hands, but I just wanted to buy the wood we needed and get out of there. I didn't like talking to strangers the way my father did.

It took us five weekends to get the treehouse built, and when it was finally done, when we took the stepladders away, I couldn't climb the tree. I couldn't climb the rope my father put up. He was disgusted, even though he didn't say so.

If I've ever called you, you probably already hate me for the way I talk, for the way I breathe. (***Rule #37: Let the script pace you.*** *Phrasing and breathing are disciplined and controlled by the script, not by you. Pausing for breath mid-sentence is less likely to result in a hang up than pausing for breath at the end of a sentence.*) You hate it when it sounds like I'm reading from a script; and yes, the times we've talked, my words may have been scripted; but your words have been predicted, every last one of them. You think the company hasn't thought of what you're going to say? Believe me, it has.

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You're not coming up with anything we haven't heard before. We're ready for your excuses. I've got a flowchart that gives me responses to anything you might say. You're running out the door? Well, I understand that you're very busy, which is why I don't want to take up any more of your time than is absolutely necessary. . . . You're not in the market for this service? Well, that may be, but if you let me talk to you about the benefits that Archer has to offer you, I have no doubt that you'll see the advantages. . . . No hablas Ingles? Uno momento, por favor. . . .

The tree is cold, rough. My fingers lightly brush its bark; its branches drape loosely all around me, almost touching the ground. Someone on the street wouldn't see me, but I can see enough to know if someone passes. I can climb this tree.

They're taking turns with the deaf woman, I guess, Gerry, Dan, and Joel. Here's the set-up: One of them plays pool with Rock & Roll, another hangs out by the pool table, and the third sits next to the deaf woman, writing out small talk. She's got three little stacks on the bar, these three conversations she's got going.

If she goes home with one of these men, I bet it would be interesting to read that conversation. What combination of words was the right combination? I was always envious of men who

could say exactly the right things to a woman they had just met and end the evening by going to bed with her. What are those perfect things that they were saying? At work, there's a script, the words on the page lined up in perfect order, words I've repeated so many times that they're all lined up inside me too, all in the right order, just waiting to be said. Out here, though, what words would I choose?

With my wife, it was easy. We met at a party in college; she came up to me, said: "Did you know that when John F. Kennedy died, Congress voted that Jackie Kennedy would never again have to pay for mail service? Whose idea was this? We're really sorry about your husband but, hey, no more stamps!" It's still like that. She says things for me to think about and then I say what I think. I never have to come up with anything on my own.

When the deaf woman goes to the bathroom, she leaves her conversation stacks on the bar. Dan, Gerry, and Joel get into an argument about which one of them is going to go home with her. Dan's married. Rock & Roll's yelling, Hey which one of you is going to play me next? Nobody's paying attention to me. I walk over to the jukebox, past the stool where the deaf woman had been sitting, and snag a business card off one of the piles. Standing at the jukebox, I look at it. It's the deaf woman's business card. She's Linda Johnson, interior designer. There's an address on the card, a residential street. She must work out of her home. I turn the card over and recognize Gerry Ekus's tight, neat handwriting: *It's actually in probate court—I can't reveal where it is.*

Standing under the evergreen in Linda Johnson's yard, I can see a light on in an upstairs window. She went home alone, but she took her stacks of conversations. If I were to climb this tree, maybe I'd be able to see in her window, see what she was doing. Maybe she's sitting on her bed, the business cards and cocktail napkins spread out all around her, three conversations stretching out from her like spokes on a bicycle wheel. Maybe she collects conversations. Maybe she tapes them to her wall, or puts them in a scrapbook. Maybe *her* conversations last forever, while everyone else's just drift away.

My wife knows what I'm thinking and feeling, even when I don't. She's the only person I've ever met who can do that. "What's wrong?" she asks me on the phone when I call to tell her I'll be late. Nothing, I tell her, and she doesn't believe me. I think she's mad, even though she doesn't say so.

(Archer Long Distance's **Rule #63** is ***Don't be a robot!*** *When making your presentation, do not adhere so closely to your script that you sound stilted. Be flexible enough with your presentation to sound natural and attentive to your listener.*)

Maybe she doesn't keep the conversations separate. Maybe she shuffles them together or throws them into the air and lets them fall around her like confetti. Maybe she scatters them across her bedroom floor, making a patchwork of words and sentences that don't go together in a straight line anymore.

Standing with my hand flat against the trunk of the evergreen, looking up through the branches at Linda Johnson's window and the night sky above that, I can see the three stars that make up Orion's belt. I'm off script now. Can you tell?

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About the Contest

Middlebury Magazine's annual fiction contest is held each spring, with the winning entry published in the summer issue. Current Middlebury students, Middlebury undergraduate alumni, and alumni of the College's graduate programs (the Language Schools and the Bread Loaf School of English) are invited to submit unpublished manuscripts of 3,000 words or fewer. An advertisement for the third annual contest will appear in the winter 2005 issue; the deadline for submissions is April 1, 2005.

In addition to the winning entry printed in this issue, three short stories were chosen as runners-up:

"Bridge Pumpkins" by Scott T. Hutchison, M.A. English '87
"Lubiloff's Engagement" by Peter Stillman, M.A. English '84
"Virginia Heat" by Mary Jane Bancroft, French '86

These three entries, as well as the winning entry, will appear online with judging comments this summer at www.middleburymagazine.org.

Chekhov's Island

Described by the Russian writer in the late 19th century as the end of the world, Sakhalin, as David Wolman '96 discovers, is also an unspoiled natural beauty.

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID WOLMAN '96

CLINGING TO WET WEDGES OF ROCK and not trusting the footholds beneath my torn, worn running shoes, I glance at the water and constellation of jagged rocks below. It's only a 9-foot drop, maybe 10, but even a broken ankle on this isolated stretch of coast on the far-eastern Russian island of Sakhalin would be big-time trouble.

Hanging from Siberia like a 569-mile-long forked tongue lapping at the frigid waters of the northwestern Pacific, Sakhalin is known for little in the West except Soviet gulags; Chekhov's nonfiction account of life on this hellish island; Korean Airlines flight 007, shot down near here in 1983; and most recently, huge oil and gas reserves that are the source of much salivation from multinational oil giants. For Jonathan Carver '96 and me, a summer visit to Sakhalin offered an opportunity to explore this corner of Russia's wild east before the approaching development blitz catapults the area into the 21st century.

After living in northern Japan for the better part of a year to study and write about Russo-Japanese relations in this corner of the Pacific, I decided that a trip to Sakhalin would be an appropriate finale. Despite my fear of outdated propeller planes, I bought a ticket for a Sakhalin Airlines flight from Hokkaido's Hakodate airport to Sakhalin's main city of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk. Jonathan, who had been working in another less-than-inviting Siberian city, agreed to fly in and meet me, providing crucial help in translating the language and culture.

To get a sense of just how far-flung Sakhalin is, consider this: The island is slightly closer to Denver, Colorado, than it is to Moscow. The population is sparse (550,000 people), roads are treacherous; government bureaucracy is ridiculous; forests are abundant; and mosquitoes, nettles, salmon, bears, and blueberries are everywhere.

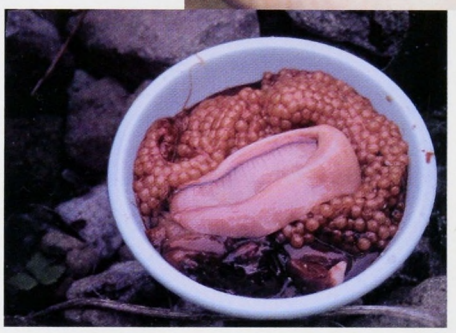
Getting a visa to visit Russia requires some sort of bureaucratically credible invitation, though most tourism operators can do this. Once in country, foreign travelers to Sakhalin, especially those headed for the backcountry, need to have a Russian escort 24-7 and carry a passport at all times for random checks. (Or at least, that was the rule last summer. Laws are shifty on Sakhalin, and likely shiftier now, after the governor, Igor P. Farkhutdinov, was killed in a helicopter crash in August last year. Carrying one's passport, by the way, is par for the course when traveling in Russia, but the escort law on Sakhalin, I was told, was part of the border oblast's effort to crack down on smuggling.)

Which is how Jonathan and I came to be clinging from these rocks; our personal escort and guide, a native of Sakhalin named Sergey, can move swiftly over cliffs without hesitation. A short, gentle, mustached man, Sergey is a devout Christian, who neither drinks nor smokes. He's also missing the tips of three fingers on his right hand and possesses a thin, muscular physique, hunched posture, and fast pace that reminds me a little too much of Gollum from *Lord of the Rings*.

He scampers directly under a weathered sign written in Russian that I wish Jonathan hadn't translated: "Do not proceed past this point to the waterfall!" The waterfall, needless to say, is our intended destination. Gingerly rounding the cliff, I see Sergey

INTREPID TRAVELER
Whether tromping through rough undergrowth with guide Sergey (above), or walking the rugged coast, David Wolman '96 viewed a side of Siberia in summer that few people ever see.

already descending onto the seaweed-strewn beach, via an old rope, quite visibly frayed, and tied to a chunk of cliff. Unlike Sergey, I'm not so sure God is protecting me on this outing, though I wish I could purchase temporary faith as easily as I purchased temporary travel insurance a few months ago.



OUR TRIP BEGAN A FEW DAYS EARLIER with a bouncing hourlong bus ride from Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk to the village of Kluchi. Once in Kluchi, most of the passengers headed off to their *dachas,* or small farm plots, but Jonathan, Sergey, and I proceeded up a long dirt road—until our guide suddenly turned and started bounding down a steep wet slope covered in bamboo that was as tall as our shoulders.

Sakhalin is freezing cold most of the year, but the short summer stimulates hyperactive growth in the understory. The bamboo, ferns, nettles, and other plants create a richly green setting, more reminiscent of the subtropics than the subarctic. It also makes for nightmarish bushwhacking.

Jonathan and I were slipping all over the place, but Sergey only paused long enough to look back over his shoulder to see that we were still within eyeshot.

I was starting to doubt whether I'd be able to keep up with Sakhalin's patron saint of speed-hiking for five whole days, or whether I even wanted to. But moments later we exploded through the undergrowth into a clearing populated with old unused railroad tracks stretching in both directions. Sergey was aware of my interest in Japanese history—the Japanese owned the southern half of Sakhalin until the end of World War II—and he weaved bits of amateur archaeology into our various excursions.

The railroad and tunnels, Sergey explained, were likely built by Korean slave labor brought to Sakhalin by the Japanese. (To the Japanese, the island was known as Karafuto, and some elderly people on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido still refuse to call it anything else.) We also stopped to examine a Japanese bunker. Sergey pointed out that the high-quality concrete used by the Japanese makes it easy to distinguish Japanese from Russian construction.

That afternoon we hiked through more barely penetrable bamboo until the landscape opened again, this time onto a gray moonscape. Volcanic mud was everywhere, and though it almost looked like a giant parking lot in color and flatness, this place was not ugly; it was more like a dark canvas upon which nature will eventually paint new life. The caked, cracked grayness extended northwest down a gentle slope, where all the trees and greenery had been smothered and buried. A handful of Fuji-shaped mounds of mud bubbled every few seconds, but the mud was not hot to the touch. While Jonathan and I explored the terrain, Sergey built a fire and laid out a picnic of tomato and cucumber salad, ham, cheese, bread, oranges, and tea.

The walk back to Kluchi was less taxing, and I was relieved when our path reconnected with a dirt road. But Sergey had other plans for our route home, and again we started bushwhacking downhill. Soon we were in a steep ravine, walking on either side of a rocky stream. I was confident Sergey knew where he was going because he pointed to our goal from the hilltop. Yet I also knew—from the unnerving way he kept pausing to look around—that he'd never been *this way* before. Still, we pressed ahead.

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After maybe 90 minutes of arduous hopping, climbing, and slipping along the stream, through tangled growth and fallen trees, we arrived at a clearing and a few small fields of potatoes. Another five minutes and we were back at the bus stop. While waiting for the bus to Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, we had our first introduction to Sakhalin ticks: three for Jonathan, two for me, one for Sergey. Over

the course of our four days in the backcountry, we would pluck a total of 16 of the tiny bastards from our skin. ("Don't worry," Sergey told us, "they're only encephalitic in May." It was July, but I was still worried.)

Exhausted, smelly, and covered with bites, we fell asleep as soon as we returned to our hotel, but there was little time to recover. The following morning we were in a jeep, heading farther north for a three-day backpacking trip to the coastal mountains at Zhdansky.

The hiking at Zhdansky started beautifully, then shot straight upward on what Gollum said was an old horse trail to a former Japanese village on the coast, not far from where we planned to camp. The slopes were colored with the purple flowers of *ivan chai*, edelweiss, small orange flowers called *ogonyok* in Russian, and wild, ripe blueberries. Over the mountain ridge, we descended quickly down a trail with more bamboo, then into a forest of fir and birch trees, until we reached our campsite for dinner. The hike was only five or six miles, but we were still in and around tall grasses long enough to befriend a few more ticks: one for Jonathan, three for me, zero for Sergey.

The next morning, we hiked along the beach, and then at lunchtime, while drying our shoes and socks by the fire, a Russian with a goatee, bandana, holey sweater, and rubber boots up to his thighs saw our smoke and stopped to visit our camp. He'd been there fishing (read: poaching) for salmon for a week or so, and he and his friends had run out of tea. Sergey gave him more than half of our supply, and they talked casually for a few minutes about the weather and two small brown bears that had been frequenting the area. Jonathan translated a one-liner from our pirate look-alike visitor that he knew I'd appreciate: *"Chem dalsha tem luche*—the farther away you get, the better it is."

Fog was thick over the beach, so we started walking south this time, toward the waterfall and the awaiting frayed rope.

THE SHORT RAPPEL IS CAUSE FOR PAUSE. Sergey waves us onward from the beach with a *niet problem* expression, and Jonathan and I both know we're going to proceed; we're just taking stock of how bad the situation is getting. In retrospect, this response—aside from being just plain wimpy—strikes me as one born of privilege. People in Sakhalin, and many parts of Russia for that matter, are so accustomed to bad situations—bad government, bad infrastructure, bad shoes, bad weather, bad toilets, bad ropes—that it's not in their nature to contemplate the negative.

Eventually, we make it down the rope and walk a few minutes along the beach until we arrive at the base of the waterfall. It's hard to see above the overhanging cliff, but the misty, chillingly remote setting is almost mystical. Sergey hops out from the shore to get a better view, jumping on rocks just below the water's surface. We snap some pictures and then begin the walk back to the rope, the cliff and our campsite beyond.

Back at camp, we find the pirate has left us a gift. Wrapped in Jurassic-sized leaves from the forest are three 20-inch salmon and an additional bowl of salmon roe. It seems a disproportionate thank you for a bag of tea leaves, but Jonathan tells me this is a perfect example of Russian generosity (not to mention an indication of how seriously Russians need their tea). Sergey cleans the salmon in the nearby stream, while Jonathan and I work to separate the extracted roe from the clingy membrane holding it together.

We dine on grapefruit, salmon steaks boiled in soup, coal-roasted salmon fillet, salmon roe on slices of bread, and tea with three sugar cubes each. Just past 10:00 P.M., the sky finally darkens. Staring into the fire, my trance is interrupted when I feel a tiny, familiar biting on my shin. The dark tick is easy to spot against my pale skin. I pull it off and flick it into the fire. Then I hold a twig to the coals until the tip is bright red, press it into my shin where the tick had tried to burrow, and think: Cluss would love this. (Middlebury professor Robert Cluss is a Lyme disease expert.)

Wrapped in more leaves, the third uncut salmon is stored under our tent. Though I've never taken a wilderness education course, this fresh-fish-under-the-tent maneuver strikes me as a bad one, particularly in light of reports that bears are in the area. Sergey, of course, isn't worried. He doesn't mention God's benevolence per se, but it goes without saying; I mean, the guy's got a crucified Christ on his watchband. Besides, the bears around here are only young ones, he explains, and the adults stay high up in the mountains. I want to suggest that perhaps the scent of our salmon banquet might influence a change in bear whereabouts, but I give up and say a silent prayer instead.

The next day we pack up camp for the hike down the beach and over the mountains to the road where Sergey's pal will meet us with the jeep. The sun is bright, and Sergey breaks out a pair of huge, green sunglasses that look like the face-shield eyewear commonly worn by Florida retirees.

That night back in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Jonathan and I book a night at the Sakhalin Sapporo Hotel and head to a café for a late dinner of mayo-cucumber-tomato salad, fried fish or pork cutlets, semi-mashed potatoes, and vodka—200 grams each, or maybe 300, I forget. The vodka leads easily to reminiscing and reflecting, not only about our time in the backcountry with Sergey, but also about our fiancées back home (yes, both Middlebury women), and how the Sakhalin we have witnessed would fit into Ron Liebowitz's post-Soviet geography course.

In two days, we are gone from here, me back to Hokkaido and Jonathan home to Seattle, where the faster pace of our everyday lives will resume, and the taste of wild strawberries and fresh salmon roe, the feel of the wet cliffs of Sakhalin's quiet shores, and the vistas from atop the old horse trail looking west, will all inevitably be compressed into a frustratingly abridged memory of our trip to Sakhalin. But first, one last hike.

The next morning we set out to climb the peak outside town named after Anton Chekhov. By the time we reach the summit, the sky is bright, sunshine is hot on our necks, and the billowy fog in the valley has vanished to reveal the city below. Though we probably could have managed to find the hike on our own, Sergey knows the best trails, and his humor and penchant for lavish picnics make him welcome company. Besides, his close connection to God ensures good weather and protection from bears. I will miss him.

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The Nature of Nurture

WHAT IMPACT DOES EARLY MATERNAL SEPARATION HAVE ON THE BRAIN? AND WILL THE ANSWER AFFECT THE WAY SOCIETIES CARE FOR ABANDONED CHILDREN?

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In the aftermath of the fall of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceaucescu in 1989, the world came face to face with a grim spectacle: thousands upon thousands of children locked away in orphanages, warehoused in steel cribs, deprived of love, affection, even simple human touch. It was a problem unknown in degree, if not in kind.

Most of us understood intuitively that these children had suffered both physically and emotionally, but just how damaged were these children? Could anything be done to help them? Questions that might have been of academic interest to the scientific community before took on new urgency.

The imperative to find answers is why David Parfitt and Dana Helmreich, both of the Middlebury College biology department, plan to spend the next few years of their careers proving that babies separated from their mothers at birth have a harder time as adults. The husband-and-wife team have joined a worldwide effort to produce the kind of data-based proof that governments and scientific institutions require to formulate public policy or dole out money for social-service programs—namely that babies separated from their mothers develop abnormally high levels of a stress hormone in the brain, and that those excessive hormone levels have a lasting impact on animal behavior.

"All indicators are that the accumulation of chronic stress hormones can have damaging effects on the brain," explains Parfitt, an assistant professor of biology who joined the Middlebury College faculty in 1999. Together, he and Helmreich, a research scholar who holds a Ph.D. in neuroscience, run a research laboratory in John M. McCardell, Jr., Bicentennial Hall, in which they study the behavior of live mice and analyze blood and tissue samples from dead mice to assess the effect of stress in infancy. In time, they hope to bring their research findings to bear on humans, particularly on children raised in institutional settings.

"We're looking at behavioral inhibitions and developmental delay as a function of hormone secretion," explains Parfitt. "We also want to know whether some degree of replacement of maternal behavior can alleviate behavioral problems in adulthood."

The most intriguing sight in Parfitt's office on the third floor of Bi Hall is the huge dry-erase board that takes up much of one wall. Lists, made of letter-number combinations, in green, blue, and red marker, designate which mice were born into which litter and when. The lists are further sorted by the light cycles to which the mice have been subjected, the amount of time they've been separated from their mothers, and the collection times of their blood samples—after they have been subjected to new stresses as adults. Beside the lists, noted in purple marker, are exclamatory comments such as "Breeding and separation complete!!" and "Yahoo!!!! Blood sampling done!"—the kind of thrill that must be unique to scientists.

Then there are the personal touches: a photo and a ticket stub from a 1994 Michigan vs. Notre Dame football game (Parfitt got his doctorate at the University of Michigan), a blue-framed candy dispenser that looks like a wall hanging but actually dispenses M&M's to the couple's two young daughters and to the deserving students who assist them (many are seniors working on their theses). Parfitt's lab next door, where all biochemical and neuroanatomical analyses of mouse blood and brain tissue take place, has its own idiosyncrasies—a blue brain that radiates purple brain waves is the resident good luck charm.

Parfitt and Helmreich have spent much of their working lives in the lab. Indeed, they met in a research lab at the University of Pittsburgh, where she was studying the effect of stress on the brain and he was studying how the neural circuitry of the brain controls behavior. Their current research evolved out of a chance meeting with Dr. Judy Cameron while attending the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, in New Orleans, in 2000. Cameron had been a mentor to both of them in Pittsburgh. At that time, she had joined the Research Network on Early Experience and Brain Development, a project funded by the MacArthur Foundation for the express purpose of bringing scientific information to bear on those who decide public policy for the care of orphans in a country such as Romania.

A specialist in non-human primates, Cameron was looking at the effects of certain hormone levels on rhesus monkeys and trying to equate the animals' responses to stress to the behavior of depressed human adolescents. Other scientists were working with other animals, but nobody was working with mice. She proposed that Parfitt and Helmreich tackle mouse research, and they agreed.

lost in romania

THE NAME ALONE is enough to send chills up and down your spine: the "failure-to-thrive" ward.

For 40-orphaned children, ranging in age from a few months to four years, this T-shaped hospital wing in the eastern Romanian city of Tutova is home. The kids all feed from bottles and wear cloth diapers—even the four year olds. Oversight falls to three overworked nurses, who also do all the cooking and cleaning; because of the extremely high patient to nurse ratio, diapers are changed on a set schedule, rather than on an as-needed basis. But perhaps the grimmest aspect of the "failure-to-thrive" ward is the silence. It's the first thing you notice, says Sarah Bunnell '04. It's the eerie, unnatural silence that slaps you in the face the moment you walk through the door. Forty living, breathing children should not be so quiet. "But they know crying won't elicit a response," Bunnell says. "So they don't make any noise."

Bunnell first visited Romania with 12 other Middlebury students and assistant professor of biology David Parfitt in January 2003. Participants in Parfitt's "Early Experience and Brain Development," the students were teaming up with the non-profit organization Global Volunteers to visit and care for the orphaned children. In addition to feeding and interacting with the children, however, Parfitt's class was also observing the course's primary focus: that the first several years of life are critical to brain development and human behavior.

Lacking stimulation, many of the Romanian children would manufacture their own stimuli—by rocking back and forth on their hands and knees and banging their heads against the wall until they were bloodied and bruised. In addition to being noncommunicatative, most were stunted in growth. And by reading the journals written by volunteers over the years for each child, Bunnell made an intriguing discovery: those children who had more interaction with the volunteers were actually regressing once the volunteers left. Is it possible, Bunnell wondered, that it's more harmful to have short bursts of attention, rather than a consistently low level of attention?

Bunnell knew she wanted to return the following January to test her theory. If she could study the level of the so-called "stress hormone," cortisol, in the children during a multi-week period of time, as volunteers came and went, she could determine the orphans' circadian rhythm, which is basically the body's internal biological clock. An abnormal rhythm would not only produce immediate physical effects such as lethargy and a weakened immune system, but could have long-term effects on muscle and joint health, bone health, organ function, and neurodegeration.

Last January, Bunnell returned to Romania for four weeks, taking saliva samples of children, three times a day, at the hospital in Tutova and at another hospital in Iasi. The samples were then sent back to Parfitt's lab in Bi Hall and the cortisol levels were tested. Initial results have shown both normal and elevated levels of cortisol in Bunnell's subjects, and now student researchers are performing data analysis, matching the results to the case histories of the Romanian children.

Bunnell hopes her initial research will serve as the first step in continued cooperation—and advanced study—between the Romanian orphans and Parfitt's class. The first time she visited the "failure-to-thrive" ward, she was overcome with feelings of guilt and became stressed, herself, because she realized she was another person entering the orphans' lives, only to leave. "But then I realized, 'You can't fix everybody, but you can make a difference [for the future],'" Bunnell says. "I hope my research does this."—MJ

DOES A MOUSE, HAVING BEEN SUBJECTED TO STRESS AS AN INFANT, EXHIBIT MORE SIGNS OF FEARFULNESS AND ANXIETY WHEN STRESSED AS AN ADULT?

Mice, says Parfitt, have an innate advantage over other populations of research animals because they are inbred, unlike rats, which are outbred (interbred with unrelated individuals). Thus, discrete mouse populations are genetically similar, allowing researchers to study the impact of environmental factors without having to factor in the messy complications of significant genetic variability.

To begin, the researchers had to create the stress that would elevate the hormone levels in the pups. Parfitt started by raising three groups of mice: three distinct family lines of mothers and their juvenile male offspring. After birth, each litter was assigned to one of three groups: (1) mothers and pups never removed from the home cage, (2) mother and pups removed from the home cage for 10 minutes a day and separated, and (3) mother and pups removed from the home cage for three hours a day and separated. The separations began one day after birth and continued for 10 days before the initial experiment ended. Then the pups were left to grow to adulthood, which takes about 60 days.

Once the mice had reached adulthood, the experiment continued. Does a mouse, having been subjected to stress as an infant, exhibit more signs of fearfulness and anxiety when stressed as an adult? And does the mother's stress response to separation spill over to the baby, exacerbating the situation for both mother and child?

To help answer those questions, Parfitt built two mazes: an elevated plus maze and an elevated zero maze. As the names suggest, both are elevated off the ground. One has a circular runway, and the other is shaped like a cross. Both mazes had enclosed sections that afforded the mice a feeling of security, but to see

what was going on, they had to take a chance and emerge from hiding.

"We wanted to measure the time it takes for the mouse to emerge from the tube," says Parfitt. "We were setting up a conflict between its natural curiosity and its fearfulness. Interestingly, what we found was that the animals that had been separated from their mothers for 10 minutes a day emerged from the tube far more quickly than either the maternal-separated animals or the never-separated animals. A little bit of stress seemed to cause less fearfulness and more boldness than either a lot of stress or no stress at all."

Question number two involved hard science: Did mice subjected to stress as adults have elevated levels of the stress hormone corticosterone in the blood, and if so could the levels be quantified?

To stress the adult mice, the researchers subjected some to very loud noises and drove remote-controlled cars through the cage of others. Some of the mice were killed at regular intervals (up to 90 minutes after they were subjected to stress), their blood was drawn, and their brains were immediately wrapped in foil and frozen to minus 80 degrees. Blood samples were checked for evidence of elevated hormone levels, and whisper-thin brain tissues were mounted on slides and tested for neuronal activation from the hypothalamus.

In the end, of course, all this work is not about mice but about understanding children and the toll taken when they are separated from their mothers at an early age. For several years now, Middlebury has been part of a multifaceted, multifunded effort to improve the lives of the Romanian orphans who were institutionalized in that impoverished former communist state. Outside of this effort, foster care does not exist in Romania, and the researchers hope to show that this option is a viable form of care and preferable to institutionalization,the historically preferred form of care in Romania.

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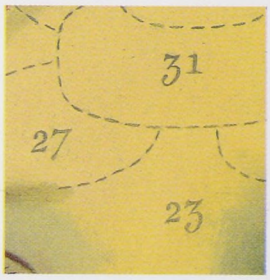

The research also is aimed at determining what, if any, measures can be taken to remedy the damage done after the fact: at what point does intervention no longer have an effect? Is this a literal race against the clock?

One key player in this project has been the Humana Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the health-care giant, Humana Inc. Betty Ashbury Jones, M.A. '86, the wife of the foundation's CEO, is a member of Middlebury College's Board of Trustees, and it is through her efforts that Middlebury and Yale students have made site visits to Romanian orphanages in recent years.

In January 2003, for example, a group of Middlebury students, working under Parfitt, participated in the Bucharest Early Intervention Program as part of their January term study. The students reported back on subjects as diverse as prenatal nutrition, the causes and prevention of head banging in young children, and the role of touch in enriching the lives of children in orphanages. Their efforts were summarized in a report entitled, "From Neurons to Tutova: A Collection of Papers for the Benefit of the Children of Dr. Nicolaescu Hospital."

"We spent a week on campus teaching them what we know about early brain development before we headed out," Parfitt recalls. "The goal of going to Romania was to put the research in context. We wanted them to apply what they learned in the classroom to the human condition."

Many of the 13 students who took part in that January term class have gone on to further study in the field of neuroscience. Kate Stamper, a June graduate, is spending the summer at Vanderbilt University engaged in brain research. Sarah Bunnell '04, another course participant, returned to Romania this past January to implement a study she designed: saliva samples collected from institutionalized children are tested for excessive hormone secretions.

Much of that work has been supported by the MacArthur Foundation, funder of the aforementioned research network, which has posed several questions in the project synopsis that strike at the heart of Parfitt's research:

- "What are the brain changes that occur during the first few years of life that may influence the specific behavioral outcomes observed in children raised in orphanages?
- "How do the experiences a child has during this time period influence the development of these brain changes?
- "To what degree can early abnormalities be remediated by more favorable care-giving environments?
- "Is there a specific time period during which intervention is most effective? Is there a time period after which intervention is less likely to be effective?"

"All the indicators are that the accumulation of chronic stress hormones can have damaging effects on the brain," explains Parfitt. "We've studied Romanian children adopted by Canadian families who continue to have learning deficits and hormonal secretions eight years later.

"But with mice, we've seen that the replacement of certain normal maternal behaviors, like licking and grooming the pups with a paintbrush dipped in warm water, seems to alleviate the behavioral problems in adulthood. We've also seen that environmental enrichment, introducing toys and playthings into the mice's environment, can help reverse the effects.

"The $64 million question is this: Can we do something to reverse the effects after the fact? It seems clear to us that the first fix for children should be environmental enhancement. What we're trying to do here is to put science at the service of public policy to help officials make intelligent public-policy decisions."

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FREE FALLIN'
Most financial analysts get their biggest charge by following the markets. Not Melanie Curtis '00 (far left). Photograph by Joel Kiesel

Chutes and Ladders

Melanie Curtis '00 is climbing to the top in the world of competitive skydiving.

By Dick Anderson

TRY AS SHE MIGHT—AND SHE HAS PRACTICED THIS MANY TIMES—Melanie Curtis '00 simply cannot hit her target. In between jumps on a recent Sunday afternoon, Curtis watches videotape with her Elsinore Adrenaline teammates, critiquing formations and eating a banana, while gearing up for the next jump. She aims the peel toward a garbage pail maybe nine feet away. And after two successful jumps and two successive bananas, she hits the rim with each peel. *Splat.* "I miss that shot every time," Curtis admits with a smile.

In the world of competitive four-way formation skydiving, however, it's not where you finish, but how you start: The instant you exit the aircraft, two miles above the earth's surface, the next 35 seconds are all that matter. Last October, Curtis's team, Elsinore Adrenaline, broke a tie score in the 10th and deciding round of the 2003 U.S. National Skydiving Championships in Lake Wales, Florida, to win the silver medal in the advanced four-way competition by a single point on the final jump.

"It was a fairy-tale team experience," says Curtis, a second-year competitor and the most junior member of the squad, by a good 1,000 jumps. "Just being on Elsinore Adrenaline put me in this upper echelon of skydivers. I had to step up to the plate, and I made it happen."

Short of the gold, it would seem there's nowhere to go but down, so to speak—but as Curtis sees it, the sky's the limit. "I want to be one of the recognizable forces in competition," says Curtis, who works weekdays as an analyst with Credit Suisse First Boston, in Los Angeles. "I'm a teammate. I'm a competitor. I'm an instructor. Right now my life is the best it's ever been."

Roughly 60 miles east of Los Angeles, 45-year-old Skydive Elsinore is the longest-running skydiving operation in North America. The atmosphere is laid-back but competitive, with a loudspeaker right out of *M*A*S*H* and bathroom-wall humor that speculates about the traveling speed of excrement: "terminal velocity." Every weekend, it rains parachutes all day long, with two Super Otter jump planes making 20-minute runs, carrying veteran skydivers and newbies to 11,000 feet, before emptying each passenger load. For the next 50 seconds—known as freefall—the average diver is hurtling downward at a speed of 120 mph.

"Exit is the best part of skydiving to me," says Curtis, a self-professed freefall addict.

DIVE MASTER
With more than 1,400 jumps under her belt and a national silver medal in competitive skydiving, Melanie Curtis '00 is primed to join the elite ranks of her sport.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOEL KIESEL

"At the start of a four-way, I'm standing outside the plane, and I'm looking down at the ground. I don't know how to tell you how that feels."

Growing up in Watertown, New York, she was exposed to skydiving at an early age because her pilot father (who lived in central New York) owned a small drop zone. "I was never pressured to jump," says Curtis, a natural athlete who played soccer, basketball, and softball in high school. When she was 18, she made her first jump in conjunction with a college visit to Colgate. "I've only made 10 jumps at my dad's house, and I could have jumped for free," she says. Curtis has notched more than 1,400 jumps to date—more than 1,100 of them since moving to California in 2002.

Although the skies were dark over Middlebury when she made her initial campus visit, she chose the College over Colgate and St. Lawrence, and it was "the best thing that ever happened to me." She made two or three drops at a site in nearby Addison, but during her year of study abroad—at James Cook University in northern Queensland, Australia—her mania for skydiving accelerated rapidly. She made her first trip to the closest drop zone on her second weekend abroad: "Within two weekends I had my license," says Curtis, who lived on canned beans and spaghetti to afford the jumps she was making. While in Australia, she logged 60 jumps, including a record skydive for northern Queensland.

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After graduating from Middlebury with a degree in economics, she lived in New York City for two years. She checked out the nearby drop zones and did her share of jumps, but she was dissatisfied with her progress. "I wanted to be good," she says, "and four-way was a great adventure."

Fate played a hand in her flight west. After two years in the New York office of Credit Suisse First Boston, she was offered a transfer to Los Angeles, and she all but, well, jumped at the offer. Even before arriving, she traded e-mails with John Hamilton, a world champion in four-way and the owner of Skydive Elsinore. She was determined to get on another team that year, even if it meant maxing out her credit cards.

"John loved my enthusiasm and hooked me up with some people," says Curtis. She ended up jumping with a four-way group at Perris Valley Skydiving—site of the 2004 U.S. National Skydiving Championships in October—but the atmosphere didn't suit her. "I am all about the love," says Curtis, who carried her rig—with its lime, orange, red, and peach-colored chute—over to Elsinore the following season, where she found a new team—and a silver medal.

Can Elsinore Adrenaline repeat this fall? Not entirely, because Adrenaline is a different team now. Founding members Hamilton and Lou Ascione departed to anchor other foursomes as player-coaches. After an extensive audition process, cofounder Tammi Rettig (front center) and Curtis (point) recruited veteran jumpers Jim Browning (tail) and Jon Martens (rear center) to be their teammates. With videographer Shane Rex, the team's fifth member, the new Elsinore Adrenaline started training in mid-February and will meet about two weekends a month between now and nationals.

Formation skydiving is as much science as it is sport, requiring repetition, muscle memory, and the ability to coordinate simultaneously with three partners. It also really helps if you like each other. "You spend so much time together, you've got to be friends," says Curtis. "There are only so many people who are this passionate." Sometimes that passion leads to romance: Curtis started dating Ascione (a professor at DeVry University in Phoenix) after the season concluded.

Between team training and teaching, Curtis has a full calendar until winter. Not that she's complaining—although she wishes more people understood her lifestyle. "People think we have a death wish," she says. "It's more dangerous to drive on the 15 Freeway at 85 miles an hour than to skydive. A little education might change the whole outlook on the sport."

Just don't expect Hollywood to offer any primers on the subject. The opening freefall in *Point Break* (1991), starring Keanu Reeves, lasts four minutes. "All skydivers make fun of skydiving movies," she says. And then it's off to the wind tunnel for more training.

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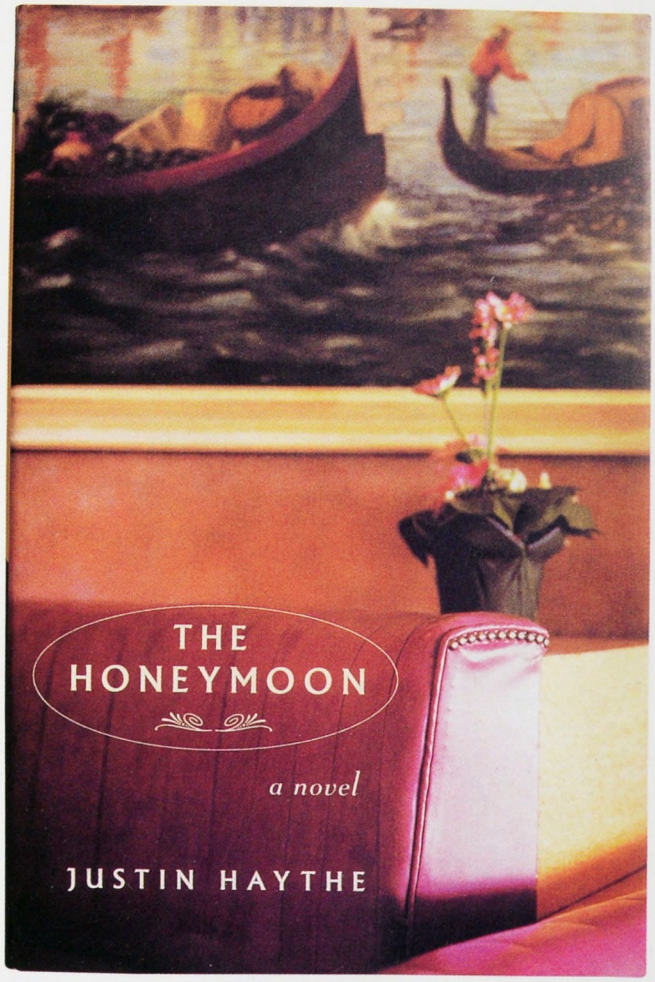
Mommy Dearest

Justin Haythe '95 weaves a gripping and emotional tale in his debut novel.



By Regan Eberhart

If you stand too close to a pointillist painting, all you see are dots, but when you step back, the overall picture emerges. **Justin Haythe '95** appears to have created the literary equivalent of a pointillist canvas in his first novel, *The Honeymoon* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2004). He layers detail upon detail that, taken together, form a complex, nuanced story.

The story is told by 21-year-old Gordon Garraty, an American photographer living with his new wife, Annie, in London. His short marriage is dissolving at the same time that his mother, Maureen (he always calls her Maureen), is dying of cancer. As Gordon takes stock of his life, his observations spill backwards to his childhood, which was spent traveling around Europe with his mother. Seldom does he interpret events or filter them through the context of his emotions. He functions more as a camera would, capturing the image of each moment and letting the reader determine its meaning. The singular mystery of the book is the nature of Gordon and Maureen's relationship.

A sensuous, strong-willed peripatetic, used to commanding attention and getting her way, Maureen travels incessantly to compile information for her life's work—an art guide to the most "beautiful things in the world." Her book is in a perpetual state of creation, and Gordon doubts that she'll ever finish it: "Her discipline never matched her enthusiasm. She would discuss her book as if it were a living thing . . . without having done any serious writing for several months."

For years, Gordon was her companion as she toured museums, churches, and other repositories of art. They seldom stayed in one location long enough for him to finish the school year or to make friends. It is easy to see why Gordon comes across as a blank page, more of an observer than actor in his own life, since he grew up in the constant company of such a domineering parent.

One of the first things Gordon does on his own, at the age of 19, is fall in love with Annie and capture her affection. Quite inexplicably they get married after knowing each other only a short while. When Maureen and her new Swiss fiancé take Gordon and Annie to Venice for a delayed honeymoon, the relationships among the four travelers begin to fray. For Maureen there's deep frustration in being with people who don't meet her standards; for Gordon, there's a tongue-tied anguish in watching events unfold that he is incapable of dealing with effectively. The trip climaxes in one moment of selfish cruelty, which Maureen dishes out and Gordon tries helplessly to explain away, and the honeymoon comes to an abrupt end. The reader is left wondering why Gordon couldn't have acted to save his marriage.

Author Justin Haythe is also a screenwriter. His film *The Clearing,* staring Robert Redford, Willem Dafoe, and Helen Mirren, was released in early July, and he was named one of *Variety*'s top-10 new screenwriters. Haythe's film background is apparent in the novel's visual richness. Every detail seems camera ready: A mood setter—"A fan rotated, ruffling and re-ruffling papers on the desks"; a character study—"He pointed with

Photographs by Tad Merrick

both index fingers at the gondolas and grinned like a schoolboy who had suggested something rude"; a makeup treatment —"She wore tinted glasses. Her face had begun to slip, a small ridge of gathered flesh ran the length of her jawline."

While Haythe describes the "dots" of Gordon's life, the picture these dots create is left to the reader to decipher. Like a good painting, it has innumerable interpretations.

Also Noteworthy

PETER DECKER '57, a historian and rancher, owns land in Colorado that was once part of the vast Ute nation. While repairing a fence one day, he found an arrowhead where an Indian had fashioned tools more than a century ago. Wanting to know more about the people who had preceded him, Decker went looking for answers about what happened to them. His new book, *The Utes Must Go* (Fulcrum Publishing, 2004), is a fascinating, well-researched account of how Anglo society removed the Ute tribes from Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming in the late 1800s.

Quoting from letters, newspapers, military records, and government documents of the day, Decker describes the blatant racism with which American society regarded Indians. He also provides insight into many of the people who settled the West and created and enforced Indian policy—newspaper magnate Horace Greeley, journalist and Indian agent Nathan Meeker, Colorado Governor Frederik Pitkin, Interior Secretary Carl Schurz, and others.

Because Anglo society believed it had a "manifest destiny" to conquer the continent, there were few qualms about taking the Indians' land—especially since the "savages" didn't put their land to constructive use, i.e., for farming or mining. Decker shows how the Ute tribes gradually lost their freedom as they lost their land and became more dependent on the government for sustenance. This was a planned dependence—to break them down and to create an environment in which they could be brought "out of savagery into citizenship." "Civilization" was one of the more benign threats the Utes faced, however, since newspapers and community leaders, including the governor of Colorado, campaigned actively for their "extermination."

Although the Ute tribes had lived as hunter-gatherers in the Western landscape for centuries, it took the United States less than three decades to seize most of their historical homeland and relegate them to less desirable areas in Utah.

As the atrocities of our current era indicate, the tendency to dehumanize and despoil entire groups of people is all too common. Decker's research and his unsentimental narration bring the drama of the Utes to poignant life and force us to take note of our own dishonorable history.

Night Table
What's on Justin Haythe's night table?

- *The Rose Garden* by Maeve Brennan
- *Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates
- *War is a Force that Gives Us Meaning* by Chris Hedges
- *Literary Occasions: Essays* by V. S. Naipaul

Children's Corner

THIS SUMMER, younger children who are enthralled with vehicles will enjoy new board books written by PETER MANDEL '79. *Boats on the River* and *Planes at the Airport* (Scholastic, 2004, with illustrations by Edward Miller) are bright and bold with rhyming text that describes a plethora of water and air craft. There are slow boats, sail boats, tug boats, planes with lights, planes with mail, planes dropping sky divers, and more.... Children learning their ABCs will find fun examples, from alfalfa to zucchini, in a board book by WOODY JACKSON '70, *A Cow's Alfalfa-Bet* (Houghton Mifflin Co., 2003). The book contains 26 of Jackson's trademark colorful illustrations of cows that even adult readers delight in. ... For children interested in bugs, *Eliza and the Dragonfly* (Dawn Publications, 2004) by SUSIE CALDWELL RINEHART '93 is a thoughtful tale of a girl who becomes entranced by a dragonfly nymph and watches it develop over time in a pond. As the nymph transforms, Eliza develops respect for this creature that she had earlier greeted with "Eeeeewwww." The dreamlike illustrations by Anisa Claire Hovemann lend a sense of wonder to the story.

Recently Published

- *Fifty Places to Fly Fish Before You Die* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2004) by CHRIS SANTELLA '85
- *Going to Bend* (Doubleday Books, 2004) by DIANE COPLIN HAMMOND '77
- *Playing the Game: Inside Athletic Recruiting in the Ivy League* (Nomad Press, 2004) by CHRIS LINCOLN '77 and JAY FIEDLER

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Summer greetings to 1928 classmates! It is all good news this time! **Helen Revere Hatch** writes from Venice, Fla.: "I thought you would like to be up to date about our cruise, but before writing about that I attended a reception for Middlebury graduates at the University Club in Sarasota, Fla. It was so good to see so many Midd people in our area. President McCardell was so warm and pleasant." Helen had a chance to meet him and tell him how much she appreciated her Middlebury education. She was surprised to be photographed with him. (See photo in spring issue.) This has happened at every class reunion luncheon. We are delighted that she could represent us in our 75th Reunion year. She and Steve left soon after the reception to cruise the Panama Canal, the first time for him, on the Rotterdam of the Holland American Lines. She confesses to claustrophobic moments in an otherwise enjoyable trip. ✷ "As the generations glide," indeed. Diana Davis Smith, **Emily Lobdell Smith**'s daughter-in-law, writes to us from Lakewood, Colo., to tell us of the arrival of Diana's first grandchild, Phineas Cooper Smith, on March 3, 2003. Emily's grandson, Sam Smith '88, was there to welcome his nephew. This is a world-traveling, excellent-skiing family, fitting descendents of Libby, who was a fine athlete and excellent student. ✷ This is birthday season for several classmates: **Storrs Lee**'s 98th on August 3 will be a New Harbor, Maine, neighborhood event. **Helen Bailey** will be in Vernon, Vt., for her 97th on September 8, 2004. Birthday good wishes to both! Love those family letters! Mimi

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Early this spring, **Nathalie Lewis Emery** was kind enough to send me her copy of the book *Middlebury College 1915 to 1990.* I found it a fascinating history of those years and the problems faced by the successive presidents. Nathalie gave permission to pass it on to others as I saw fit. That was your secretary's only contact with classmates since the last edition of these class notes, but not the end of my message, because my e-mail address has brought a correspondent from the Class of 1983. Nancy Wynant '83 noted my address and tried it for fun. As a result we have corresponded a few times on subjects of mutual interest, and I sent her the history of Middlebury. Surely some of you classmates likewise have the capability of e-mail correspondence, and I do wish to hear from you.

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Dorothy Cressy Wiest reports that she's living in San Luis Obispo, Calif.: "My health is fair, but I'm strong in mind and spirit. I owe a lot to my education at Middlebury towards my career as a social worker. God bless everyone." ✷ **Ella Congdon Purple** has had two major emergency surgeries since October 23, 2003, and has been recuperating from them in various facilities. Recently she seems to be improving and astounding everyone with her strength. As her family puts it: "At 4 feet 10 inches and 93 pounds—her little, but her mighty!"

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Sadly, we must to report the death of **Mary Duryee Weeks** on February 18, 2004. Mary had served as class secretary for several years and will be greatly missed. Condolences are extended to her son, Stephen '71, and all the family.

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430.*

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Spring arrived on schedule, but the weather in this area stubbornly ignores that fact. I have sent numerous notes to our classmates for news, which they have likewise ignored. The activities that now fill our time would be of interest to our classmates. Since my grandson is staying with me, I have learned a lot about protein cells. He spends long hours on experiments, trying to bring about the desired results, but even failing tests can often shed light on the problem. However, I am still trying to find out how failure can bring about success. ✷ The class joins me in sending condolences to the families of two of our classmates. **Esther Johnson Whiting** passed away in February, and her memorial appeared in the spring issue. While a student at Middlebury, she was on dean's list, was a member of the WAA Archery Club, and was involved in vollyball, basketball, hiking, Frosh Frolic committee, hockey, and German Club. ✷ **Sarah Elliott Ordway**, whose memorial appeared in the winter issue, passed away in December. At Middlebury, she was a member of the orchestra and the College Ensemble for three years. In her junior year, she joined the French Club, the Mountain Club, and the A Tempo Club.

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Secretary Hutchinson reports: Not much news for 1936 with **Gus Brooks** "out of commission," so to speak, and with **Fran Wilkinson Russ** in an assisted living facility. Vermont, as you know, was too cold last winter to go anywhere outdoors. It was the bitter wind that freezes nose, cheeks, and ears! Last summer I distributed my book about the women's Army Corps to about 30 veterans in Vermont. ✷ **Mavis Jones Little** writes that she is "getting close to my fourth year at Beverwyck Retirement. As I am pretty much alone in the world, it's a great place to be. There is a Midd grad here, Class of '43, and my next door neighbor's daughter graduated in the '60s. I read the *Magazine* from cover to cover. It's great! I miss the reunions we had at our farm. ✷ Secretary Harris reports receiving many glowing comments on the story about **Arch Tilford** in the fall 2003 issue ("Gone Fishin'"). Then, during the winter, Vermont Public Television carried a program on the *Outdoor Journal* series, called "Arch Tilford and the Green Mountain Grabber." It featured a fishing trip at Silver Lake, where Arch showed the host of the show, Lawrence Pyne '82, how to catch rainbow trout. Later in the program, Arch cooked the trout over his campfire. His fishing lure, the Green Mountain Grabber, is still being sold in most bait shops in the Champlain Valley. In the spring 2004 issue, you will find a letter to the editor from Arch, regarding his efforts to rebuild the Three Mile Bridge near Middlebury. For more information about the project, contact Arch at Three Mile Bridge Fund, P.O. Box 644, Middlebury, VT 05753, or at ThreeMileBridge@comcast.net.

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Although "the summer wind is blowin' in," classmates are still talking about the bitter winter up north. Your correspondent, fortunate to have been in Ormond Beach, Fla., in January and February, recalled a winter night in 1935 when he and roommate Norm Pierce '36 hiked up the hill from the movies and ducked into the alcove under the Old Chapel steps, where the big thermometer registered 35 below zero. We learned the next day that it had been the coldest night ever recorded on the East Coast. ✷ **Walt Brooker** wrote that the Vermont winter this year "was made easier to take by Middlebury's hockey program." He was proud to witness a critical goal in a championship game by the grandson of our classmate, **Dud Phinney**. ✷ **Doris Downing Daley** is another hockey fan who didn't let the upstate New York winter keep her from traveling about with her hockey-star grandson (10). Their trips around the Northeast and Canada included an international New Year's tournament in Ottawa. Also a bridge player, Doris participates with three different groups. She was looking forward to another summer visit to Cape Cod. ✷ News of the March 17 death of **Loring**

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("Chuck") Chase reached us just after we received a note from his wife, Helene Cosenza Chase '38, about the support her neighbors had given her during Chuck's long illness. One of our most active alums, Chuck wrote this column from 1992 to 1997, and conducted the memorial service at our 60th Reunion. As a student he was on the varsity football team, assistant manager of winter sports, and an avid hiker, active in the Mountain Club, and president of Skyline. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chuck's family. A memorial elsewhere in this issue touches on his illustrious career. ✷ Our sympathy is also extended to the family of **Maxine Joslyn McClurg**, who passed away on December 29. A memorial appeared in the spring issue. Maxine's niece, Diane Joslyn Cass, wrote that her aunt "remained especially fond of her years at Middlebury, and spoke frequently about her 60th Reunion. It was one of her last memorable experiences before the symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease kept her confined." Maxine received a master's from Midd in 1948. During her undergraduate years, she was on the dean's list and was active in the Mountain Club, and the French and German clubs. ✷ Our good wishes go out to class members who are in hospitals and care centers. **Susan Hathaway Hopper** is a resident at the Arbors in Shelburne, Vt., close to her two sons. Sue can be reached through daughter Ginny Hopper Hoverman '69 and son-in-law Jim Hoverman '69 (102 Chipman Park, Middlebury, VT 05753). ✷ Fan mail comes from **Alice Crosby Loomis**, who credits the class notes with "keeping our class in touch with one another." Thank you, Alice! She reports "finding retirement and old age enjoyable, except for the arthritis part." ✷ **Bill Heinz**, now settled in his new digs in Bennington, Vt., passes along greetings to old friends. ✷ Ever optimistic, **Elizabeth MacArthur** notes that she tries "to stay useful to someone by doing volunteer work in a high school library." ✷ The cold winter in Wisconsin kept **Barbara Gregory Hopkins** indoors a lot, but her town escaped most of the big storms that hit the area. Barb reports that all of her "workable parts are doing their best, so what more can we ask?" She was planning a trip to Virginia in the spring with daughter Jenny to visit son John. ✷ A note from **Phil Brown** reads: "I had a three-week bout with pneumonia in January, but am fully recovered. Now I'm busy with this business of getting older!" ✷ If you've ever questioned the value of your gifts to Middlebury, listen to the current recipient of the Class of 1937 Scholarship Fund: "It was great to know that someone appreciates and recognizes my hard work as well as my goals and dreams to someday educate America's children." College policy prevents us from identifying her by name, but we can report that she is a sophomore, majoring in Spanish, with a special interest in elementary education. She plans to pursue further studies in Washington, D.C., and Mexico and eventually to attend the Bread Loaf School of English.
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Anne Kilbride Long has moved into a retirement residence in Ontario, where she finds life very comfortable. Her three sons and their families live nearby so that she continues to enjoy many family gatherings. Her new address is The Kensington, Ste. 425, 25 Lakeshore Road W., Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6K 1C6. ✷ **Ken Jackman**, who lives in Monterey, Calif., has a retirement that is anything but dull. One of his hobbies is digital photography, and Ken thoroughly enjoys using a program called Adobe Photo Shop. He also works out in a gym two hours every day. One of his sons lives in Buffalo, N.Y., the other in San Leandro, Calif. His daughter lives in Berkeley, Calif., with her cardiologist husband and their two adopted children. ✷ **Eugene Streim** and wife Betty live in NYC. They have five children, 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. One of their children and family lives in Montclair, N.J., while the others are in Seattle, Palo Alto, Santa Barbara, and San Diego. This means that their travels these days are to the West Coast. Their next trip west will be in July to attend the wedding of a granddaughter. ✷ I was saddened to learn of the death of **Sherb Lovell** on February 26. Our class sends condolences to Sherb's daughters, Liz David and Melissa Lovell Post '77. ✷ Our sympathy also goes to **Richard Rose** on the death of his wife, Marjorie, on January 29. ✷ My husband, Charlie, died on February 14. We had celebrated our 63rd wedding anniversary last October 26. I am so thankful that we moved to Wake Robin 10 years ago. ✷ **Elisabeth Osborne Peelor** writes: "I was unable to make our 65th Reunion or the Gordie Perine Golf Tournament that I played in for several years with **Winnie Duffield Taylor** and our daughters. What a great time we had each year! I'm trying to cope with the aging aches and pains and realize I don't have much to complain about." She looks forward to reading our column in each issue of the magazine.
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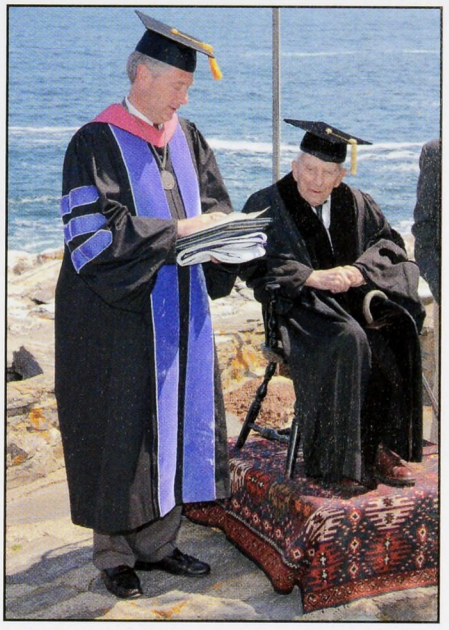
Elinor Wieland Cain will travel from Florida to visit her daughter in Pennsylvania, and they will drive up together to Reunion. Elinor is still involved with her work with the Masons, although she is no longer secretary, after 18 years in that position. ✷ **Boyd Carr** and his wife are doing well, and they will also be at Reunion. ✷ **Dorothy Korb Carter** enjoys living in her condo in Newport, Vt. She hopes to make it to Reunion. ✷ **Virginia Orde Church** is still enjoying her lovely home in rural N.H. Ginny and her husband will travel to Maine for a family reunion this summer. ✷ **Beverly Browning Gilbert** hopes to drive herself to reunion. Bev enjoys living at Wake Robin in Shelburne, Vt., where "there is lots going on." Bev is fortunate to have a son and daughter living close by. ✷ **Edward Grosenbeck** lives in Pittsford, Vt., just down the road from Middlebury. He and his wife will make day trips to Reunion. ✷ **Kenneth** ("Porky") and Doris Keffer '39 **Kinsey** live at 2001 Gasparilla Rd., Lot 23, Placido, FL 33946. They have made arrangements to visit family in Vermont, and will be attending our Reunion. ✷ **Louise Roberts Avery** is doing well and planning to attend Reunion. Louise has three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The one girl in the bunch is now studying in Montana. ✷ **H. Duncan Rollason**'s daughter, Betsy, is a big help with all the difficulties involved with his macular degeneration.



W. Storrs Lee '28 receives an honorary degree, Doctor of Letters, from President John M. McCardell, Jr., at Lee's home in Maine on May 11.

She may drive him to Middlebury for the Reunion. ✷ **Norm Smith** has sold his boat, but still frequents the boatyard to check on the latest news. Norm is contending with macular degeneration and cannot drive. His son lives near him and helps out when needed. Norm loves a telephone chat, so why not call him at 860-536-1667. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Eleanor Jeschke Jacques**. The sympathy of the class is extended to her family. ✷ **William Stoop**'s wife has passed away. We all extend our sympathy to you, Bill. ✷ **William Heck** fell and broke his femur. The doctor says that Bill has the best bones he's seen in a man Bill's age. He is mending well and will be dancing before long—but not in time for Reunion. Send him a get well card at 629 E. Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048. ✷ **Elizabeth Vaughan Myers** has moved to a retirement home at 113 Chipola Ave., Apt. 911, Deland, FL 32720. A group of friends were already residents when Betty moved in, so it feels like home. Her phone number remains the same. ✷ Although happy and well in Denver, **Madaline Uhl Prior** is not up to the long trip to Reunion. Madaline has four children, three in Colorado and one in Las Vegas. She has two granddaughters and five grandsons, the latest of whom is only six weeks old. ✷ **Thor** and **Carol Miner Gustafson**'s granddaughter, Sarah, a student at Yale, spent her junior year in Madrid. Neither she nor any of the family with whom she stayed were involved with the terrorist bombing, but she wrote home a vivid account of that awful day. Carol and Thor were looking forward to our June Reunion. They were really surprised at the number of people who hope to make it! They had kind words for their class secretaries: "What a great job you do contacting so many in the class. Just want to say how much we appreciate all you have done for our class—you have held us together and it looks like it will be a great get-together."

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I was laid up part of the time this winter with a cardiac problem, for the control of which my cardiologist equipped me with a pacemaker. This returned me to my previous state of good health and I am fine now. It's wonderful what those cardiac electricians can do for a fellow. ✳ **Barbara Peek Loftin** writes about our late classmate **Glenn Leggett**, from information she obtained from his sister-in-law. One of his literary efforts was *12 Poets*, edited by Glenn and published by Holt, Reinhart. He wrote a section on each poet. He also wrote books on his family of some 30 members. She reminds us that she and **Jim Akers** put our class history in rhyme and then alternated in reading the stanzas at commencement. She continued writing couplets which turned into a small green pamphlet "of doggerel, mostly humorous." Locally known as "Our Poet Laureate," she says she is still writing, and is compiling a second volume. ✳ **Jean Sweeny Hancock** philosophizes, trying "to understand how we got involved in this Iran-Iraq mess. I keep telling myself this is 'now' and you have to learn to deal with it." ✳ **Art Andres** reports that he still plays golf about 150 times a year. This is diluted by his gardening in Osterville, Mass., and facilitated by living in Naples, Fla., about six months of the year. ✳ **Beverly Barton Hall** writes that in August she became the great-grandmother of a lovely baby girl, who has an unusually strong Middlebury background. Her dad is Ian Hall-Beyer '94, her grandfather is Bart Hall '71, and her grandmother is Mryka Hall-Beyer '71. Bev reports that she is busier than she has time to be and is happy that she is able to be so active. ✳ **James Cornwall** writes from Northampton, Mass., that he and wife Margery enjoy the benefits of living within a college community. ✳ **Ed Morse** celebrated the third anniversary of his marriage. Inger, his wife, was brought up in Greenland and grew up with many Inuit friends, as a child. Ed has become very interested in the Inuits and their way of life. This embellishes his knowledge of that area, obtained by his travels with McMillan when he was in medical school. ✳ **Elaine Nickerson Rucho** writes that she is leading a very quiet life: "I am living year-round in Florida, unable to travel north for the summer anymore because of a failing heart. But I am still driving my car for necessary errands, and still in touch with my Midd roommate by mail." ✳ **Talbot Hamlin** claims he has "little to report. I've worked sporadically on my memoir, entitled *Sic*. It's amazing how one memory brings up another. My four years at Middlebury were crucial, and not just because they introduced me to Allison and our 55 years of wedlock. I'm amazingly healthy for my 85-plus years!" ✳ Still in her own home, **Elizabeth Cook Hedrick** says it makes a great B&B for the four step-children and daughter Carol Altomore's family. With its two colleges, Ithaca offers all-season sports, skiing at Greek Peak, and the Finger Lakes for summer swims and hikes. Only one trip this year, to Florida for a granddaughter's wedding and on to Disney World and Alligator Land for kids." ✳ Come on folks! Send me a lot of news so I can fill this column full with interesting items.

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Kay Oldham Parker is well situated in a Seattle retirement community, near two daughters and their families. Her third daughter still lives in Juneau, Alaska, where Kay and Lauris lived for more than 50 years. Lauris died a year ago. Kay has kept in touch with freshman roommate **Carol Hubbard Newcomb**. ✳ **Peg Williams Rhodes** recalls rooming her last two years at Midd with Carol. Peg has someone with her full time and her three sons are all a great help to her. Her sister, Jean Williams Schoch '45, takes her out to eat occasionally. ✳ **Babs Warren Loftus** is also comfortable in her retirement community. Daughter Lydia is moving from Albuquerque to San Antonio, Texas, due to her husband's work transfer. Babs has granddaughters living in Madison and Minnesota; her grandson is stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. ✳ **Sara Martinis Townsend** has a daughter living nearby and an attorney son in Manchester. A few years ago, Ira '42 and daughter Patricia built an ultra lite plane, which they take out when the ground is dry enough. Sally often goes up with Pat. Who says 80-year-olds are slowing down! ✳ After a Florida winter, **Harriet Hull Boland** was returning to Connecticut for the summer. ✳ Due to deteriorating vision, **Rink Conklin** gave up golf a couple of years ago, but he and June Perry Conklin '42 still enjoy daily walks. ✳ **Jean Connor** has two poems in the spring issue of *Hunger Mountain*, the Vermont College Journal of Arts and Letters. As a celebration of National Poetry Month in April, Jean chaired a favorite poem program at Wake Robin. ✳ Caught up with **Merritt Garland** just as he returned from his cabin. There was still quite a lot of snow up there, but too much bare ground for skiing. He claims to be "slowly deteriorating." So what's new at this age? ✳ We extend our deepest sympathy to **Elsa Norgaard Cullen**, whose husband Paul died in January. We're happy that Elsa has the support of her loving family nearby. ✳ Ed and **Peg Waller Glazier** anticipated attending their youngest grandson's graduation from the Univ. of N.C. in early May. Their daughters live in Pennsylvania; their son is establishing wind turbine farms in Minnesota. Peg and Elsa, who formerly lived near each other, keep in touch. ✳ **Edith Grimm Miller**, who missed the 60th for lack of transportation, is hoping she can find some way to get from New Hampshire to Middlebury for our next reunion. Grimmy had a good winter in Georgia. ✳ **Ginny Brooks Hutton** uses her computer a lot, especially to keep in touch with her daughter in Maine. Ginny enjoys her retirement community and her volunteer opportunities. ✳ **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker**, who teaches a weekly art class at Wake Robin, attended the Gauguin exhibit at the Boston Museum of Art and another at the Metropolitan, traveling down the Hudson River by train. ✳ A cataract operation resulted in great improvement in **Bill Littlehale**'s vision. He enjoyed January and February in Florida. ✳ **Doris Wickware** had a rough winter and lost her 15-year-old cat, which left a big vacancy in her life. ✳ **Connie Girard Brown** has some balance difficulty. Her granddaughter is doing well in medical school. Connie keeps in touch with **Ginny Brooks Hutton**. ✳ **Jean Emmons** reports continuing problems with upkeep at the co-op where she lives. And on top of that, "Arthuritis" has visited her." ✳ **Debbie Mayo Beattie** has moved into an assisted living facility (same address and phone number). Due to a transportation problem, she has not bowled recently, but has hopes of working that out. ✳ Shaubie (**Margaret Shaub**) plays golden oldies for senior chorus and at numerous senior centers. She's active in AAUW and attends lectures spun off of Elderhostel. ✳ We are sorry to report the death of Ruth Connor, widow of classmate **Jack Connor** and sister-in-law of **Jean Connor**. Ruth always attended our reunions with Jack. She is missed here at Wake Robin. ✳ Westie (**Helen West Burbank**) reports that in late March all four of their children arrived to surprise Jack on his 85th birthday. He had another surprise party from his bike group. ✳ **Barbara Grow Grim** and Bill are "walking more slowly and sleeping later." With the end of winter weather, they looked forward to seeing their families more often. ✳ Jack and **Betty Wolfington Ovens** each have two daughters and several grandchildren; she has two great-grands. With winter over, she was getting out to walk the dog again. They had a lovely family Christmas celebration at their home.

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A late Christmas note from **Helen Hooley Young**, sent "with the hope that this arrives by Valentine's Day," brought us up to date on 2003—not her best year, with a broken hip at her lake cottage in Norwich, N.Y. The good news was that she was recovering nicely at her home in Venice, Fla., with lots of support from family. Granddaughter Courtney was able to stay with her for eight weeks as she recovered. Probably not the ideal way to bond with a grandchild, but what a great opportunity. She concludes that "2004 has got to be better." I think that a lot of us feel the same way. ✳ **Phil** and **Betty Blanchard Robinson** were somewhat hibernating this winter, with lots of snow and cold in Syracuse. Plans are in force for a couple of weeks in New Harbor, Maine, with hope to meet with Joan and **Chuck Beach** while there. ✳ As usual, **Jack** and **Nancy Rindfusz Bates** are always in touch with classmates, so a phone call to them brings in news. On April 4, they both sounded good on the phone. They are still at their digs in Tryon, N.C., close to several of their children, who manage to keep an eye out for them. As we spoke, they were waiting for son Michael to pick them up and take them out to dinner. Like most of us, they are staying close to home these days. They reported that **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews** are making a move in Southbury, Conn., to a more sheltered living situation. They say that **Nina Camuti Danielson** may also be making a similar move. ✳ Don't forget that class news gets here only if you send it to us, so send us a note or e-mail, or give us a call to chat. Let's keep in touch.

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Secretary Gale reports: Still generating electricity with his home equipment, **Roger Easton** notes that the summer output was about twice that of this past winter. Roger and Barbara visited **Mandy Sanborne Krieble** at Kendal assisted living in Hanover this winter. Jim is able to get to their Lake Willoughby cottage when one of their children is there to help. ✳ **Dick** and **Lee Van Leuven Morehouse** decided to return to Lexington for the winter. Dick continues to do some architectural work, chiefly on Vinal Haven; says he's always open for new work. ✳ **Harry Rossi** reports a successful

trip in 2002 to his ancestral home area in Tuscany; he also visited the Riviera. This winter, he spent six weeks in Naples, Fla., with his sister, who was a great help now that macular degeneration is limiting his driving. He was in Stowe, Vt., for much of last summer. Harry has three grandchildren in San Francisco, two in Wellesley, and two in Manhattan. He says that Stowe is the only place where he can get them all together. ✳ In December 2003, **Paul Liehr** suffered leg fractures requiring a full-length leg cast for two months. As of late March, he was getting about with a walker. He sounded in good spirits and appreciated the wonderful weather in northern California this winter. ✳ **Al Jefts** died on February 8, after a long illness, evidence of which was apparent at the 55th Reunion. His wife, Katherine, passed away on December 11, 2003. With Al around in the chemistry labs, there was usually a good deal of banter going on, especially between Al and fellow New Yorker **Keith Cranker**. Al had a wonderful dry sense of humor; that and his gruff voice will be missed. ✳ **Page Ufford** and Doris are in a retirement facility in Coatesville, Pa. Due to her multiple sclerosis, Doris is in the nursing section, but she gets about in a wheelchair and often joins Page for dinner. He takes care of their shopping, walks frequently, and uses the fitness equipment to keep in shape. He expected to get to their summer home on Lake Champlain for a few days at a time. ✳ Secretary Silliman reports: In late March, Cutler and I drove to Cape Cod to visit family and to deliver materials about Venice to **Janet Hooker Laine**, who took a May garden tour to Venice and the surrounding islands. Jan landed in the hospital after Christmas, but recovered under the watchful eye of nurse-practitioner daughter Julie. When not gardening, Jan is involved in a music class and a book club. ✳ **Carolyn Ohlander DePodwin** no longer sells real estate herself, but she goes to her office weekly. Inky and Horace often take the train to NYC to walk and visit museums. Their children live in nearby Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. Like so many of us in our 80s, the DePodwins are wrestling with the problems of lifestyle change. A warmer climate? A retirement home? A condominium? Inky and **Lenore "Putt" Wolff Eakeley** looked forward to seeing **Jean Jordan Sheild**, coming from Wisconsin to visit her sister. ✳ Retired from publishing and most volunteer work, **Katherine Kurtz Hodges** would like some volunteer activity that doesn't require driving. Kit credits maintaining the same weight since our Middlebury days to her daily energetic walk in Cape Cod's attractive landscape. ✳ One pleasure **Helen Bouck Hildebrandt** has experienced in her retirement community (in Slingerlands, near Albany) is renewing contact with friends from her Delmar school days. Son Mark lives in her house in Saugerties. ✳ We send our sympathy to **Barbara Higham Winner** on the March 2003 death of her husband, George. She has moved into assisted living at Heron Point (501 E. Campus Ave., Room 1003, Chestertown, MD 21620). ✳ Sadly, we must report the death of **Evelyn Young Shepard** on February 24. ✳ **Lois Groben Doe** and **Chick Johnson Doe** and their husbands enjoy outings. Chick is more active since her hip replacement, and Lois is volunteering again after a period of adjustment to Bill's pacemaker. ✳ I urge classmates to drop me a line, especially if you haven't been in touch for awhile. We need phone numbers for **Lonny Herron Hadley, Helen Haldt Hudson, Rachael Swarthout King, Carol Lewthwaite Lockard, Fran Majoros Morrison (Florida), Barbara Roberts Ormsby**, and **Jean Baillee Scafe**. Don't stay lost!

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Shirley West Johnson and husband Leight made a trip to Ireland in September 2002. The next September took them to the canyons of Utah and Arizona—Zion, Bryce, and Oak Creek, and a few days in Sedona. This January they went to Disney World with a son and grandson. She added that those ECVs (Electric Convenience Vehicles) "are well worth the rental to a lady of 81 years." Unhappily she added that, upon their return, she had a heart attack, but is recovering nicely. She hoped to see many of her classmates in June. ✳ While enjoying a visit with her sister-in-law on Marco Island, **Betty Broadbent Brown** called **Pat Noe Bursaw**, who was just a half hour away with husband Bill. Betty and the Bursaws arranged to have luncheon together and enjoyed visiting. Betty and Pat both planned to be at our reunion. ✳ Sally and **Al Rathbun** have a new address: 10 Deep Well Ln., Los Altos, CA 94022. And, as of July 1, **Neil** and **Marylu Graham Atkins** have a new address (see below). Al and Neil were roommates throughout college days and have kept up a coast-to-coast relationship ever since. We both seem to have made the same decision at the same time as many others have at this point in life. ✳ **Dorothy Brown Clark** sends "best wishes to you all for our 60th Reunion. I will be thinking of you as you return to Midd for the occasion. Jim '43 has had some health problems this year, but is doing well. We continue to enjoy life at Evergreen Woods Retirement Community. Jim is treasurer of the Country Store at EW. I lead a water aerobics class in our beautiful pool three times a week and also serve on the marketing committee. Stop in and I'll give you a tour!" ✳ **Nancy Read** and **Ricki Wheaton Evans** joined **Bill** and **Ingrid Monk Stevenson** to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of the Stevensons this spring. ✳ A note from **Jean Milligan** tells us of the death of **Helen Beardslee Johnstone** on March 2. While Helen had been ill for many years, Jean had often visited her for a chat, a cup of tea, and to play a game. Ever devoted to Middlebury, Helen designed and made the Class of 1944 alumni banner that hung in the Chapel at our 50th Reunion. She also helped edit the class history for our 50th. ✳ We are also sorry to report the deaths of three other classmates: **Phyllis Rutan Boucher** on January 16, **Alice Sperry McMechan** on February 4, and **Emory Mercereau** on February 19. Our condolences to their families. We shall miss them. ✳ By the time you receive this issue, our 60th Reunion will be a memory. If you were able to return, we hope you were glad you came. If you were not there, we missed you and hope we will get more news from all of you, present or not.

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Secretary Walker reports: I took two short but satisfying trips (both were blustery and cold, one in near-blizzard conditions) to witness accomplishments of two grandsons. At the Great Lakes Recruiting Station, my youngest son's son, Lynne, was among 750 Navy seamen graduating after 12 weeks indoctrination. At Dartmouth Carnival, Lynne's older brother participated in the cross-country skiing competition. Andy is co-captain of the Bates team. They successfully completed the course, but Midd and Dartmouth finished first and second. ✳ Events terminating with a zero characterized **Ruth Hanson Cleveland**'s past year. When a son-in-law in Austria turned 50 last February, she and Don crossed the ocean for the celebration. Then Ruth commemorated her 80th in April with a cruise on the *Delta Queen*. A son reached 50, a second son reached 40, and a granddaughter 30. All wonderfully happy occasions. ✳ We send our best wishes to **Mary Elizabeth Wisotzkey McClellan**, who has been undergoing some health challenges. She relinquished her responsibilities for our annual spring Sardi luncheon to **Ruth Collins Shikes, Shirley Miller Stearns**, and **Ann Robinson Walker**. April 28 was selected for the luncheon date. ✳ A phone visit with **Betty Hatcher Hruby** found a chipper upbeat responder on the other end of the wire, despite her problems with arthritis. Betty and husband Rick travel to their second home in Midland Springs, near Rutland, Vt., as often as possible. ✳ We are sad to report several deaths. **Mary Duggan Hawthorne** passed away on October 15, 2003. We also regret to report the loss of two spouses: Robert Sutman, husband of **Betts Allen Sutman**, passed away December 17, and Barrett Sand, husband of **Barbara Drury Sand**, died on January 1. Our deepest sympathy to all three families. ✳ A special birthday celebration for the beaming **Ruth Collins Shikes** went on for 10 windy, sunny, snowy days, with friends and relations from California, Connecticut, Indiana, Michigan, and New York. On March 13, Ruth's daughter, Jennifer Haines of Ann Arbor, and other family members hosted a beautiful dinner party at Scaletta in Manhattan. Shirley Stearns, who was on hand for the occasion, reports that it was absolutely delicious, with no one concerned about carbs or calories. She also reported warm tributes from grandsons Conner (10), and Nicholas Fredman (21), as well as a treasured memorabilia album contributed by clever Midd classmates. ✳ **John Holliday** sent word to his cousin, Jeanne Hutchinson Johnson '49, that he recently met Seminole, Fla., resident Ralph Eddy '25, who turned 102 last October. ✳ **Elizabeth Adell McCord** writes that she is "traveling abroad, growing flowers, and enjoying life." ✳ The Class of '45 wishes President McCardell the very best in his sabbatical year, having gloriously concluded a sterling tenure as president.

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It isn't too often that your secretaries can report news this exciting, but we are most pleased to report that last November **Jean Luckhardt Robbins** and Dr. Roland Stratton were married in Medford Leas, N.J. The class wishes the newlyweds many years of happy married life. ✳ An e-mail from **Jeanne Picard Johnson** recounts that her September cataract surgery was less than successful, but that did not stop her from traveling to Hilton Head and, later on, to Malta for two weeks. She was heavily involved with AARP tax consulting work earlier this year. ✳ **Avery** and **Peg Rowland Post** are very busy in their retirement community, not only with church-related activities but with assistance to others less mobile than they are. Like many of us, they earnestly pray for a change from the culture of

war to a culture of peace. ✳ We are saddened to report the death of **Marilyn Arey McGeehan** on March 10 in Stuart, Fla. A popular member of our class, Breezie was also one of our most active members with respect to traveling and with involvement in volunteer activities. A gathering of friends on March 14 in Stuart was attended by **Vava Stafford Brown, Ross Brown**, and **Dolores Balzac Wiemann**. We extend our condolences to her four children. ✳ Belated condolences are also extended to **Barbara Flink Ewels** on the death of her husband, Jack, last December in New England. ✳ **Gloria Antonini Keyser** reports a February move to a retirement community (Piper Shores, Unit K-304, 15 Piper Rd., Scarborough, ME 04074) in Maine, where she has a magnificent view of the ocean from her cozy apartment. She is near her daughter and family, and sees Piper Shores resident Mary Williams Brackett '36, a Middlebury trustee emerita. ✳ **Mary Caswell Jones** joined the ranks of great-grandparents in late December with the arrival of Ellen Gertrude Ingalls (daughter of Mary's grandson, Jamie Ingalls). Cas also becomes the mother of grandparents, which is nothing to dwell upon very long. ✳ **Violet Schnyder Jarrell** has moved to a new location in Peabody, Mass. ✳ **Alice Thorn Laquer** is in the same location in Danboro, Pa., but their post office name was changed. ✳ **Eilene Luz Johnson** has moved from Bernardsville, N.J., to Basking Ridge, N.J. ✳ Leaving her Burlington, Vt., home of 52 years, **Connie Smith Carpenter** and John have relocated to Shelburne, Vt. ✳ **Lois Brigham Selnau** and Elmer celebrated their 50th anniversary this winter with a festive dinner with relatives and friends. Briggie keeps very busy with church activities, family history research, and DAR committees and meetings. ✳ **Doris Smith Earnshaw** sends an e-mail recounting her wholly unexpected encounter with a beer bottle labeled with the words "Otter Creek." Sure enough, it was *our* Middlebury Otter Creek, on a bottle 'way out in California. She met Gail Bliss Allen '57 and Al Boissevain '44 at a Midd meeting in San Francisco in early March. ✳ In March, **Ruth Riley Wendell** and **Kelly Delong Desmond** spent a week skiing at Dixville Notch in northern New Hampshire. It would appear that neither of these ladies is ready for the rocking chair and crochet hook just yet. When not traveling, Smiley keeps busy with a local group called the Institute for Learning. No tests, no reports; just learning for the fun of it. ✳ **Janet Kasper Taylor** continues to work three days a week as a substitute teacher. Even though her oldest granddaughter just turned 30, Jan plans "to keep dancing until I can't hear the music." You go, girl! Last October she traveled for two weeks through Vermont, as a surprise gift from her two daughters. Another surprise: **Kathy Rowley Tuttle** joined their tour for three days. ✳ **Carol Jacobs** would be happy to hear from any Midd students or alumni who worked in the Howard Dean campaign. She's planning to run for precinct committeeperson in her local Democratic organization, MoveOn. ✳ **Bette Royce** journeyed from Denver to Wisconsin for Christmas with her family. She planned to go to San Antonio over Easter. ✳ **Ann Argyle Lerew** and Jack have stopped praying for snow in the Denver region for the time being. This spring, they headed for Tucson, Ariz., to pray for their beloved Colorado Rockies baseball team. ✳ **Nancy Rathgeb Smith**, who maintains her houses in New York and Cape Cod, recently returned from a trip to Santa Fe. Nancy has an important family event coming up in August. ✳ In late December, **Bill** and **Jan Shaw Percival** traveled to California to see the Tournament of Roses Parade. They saw many floats being prepared the day before the parade. Later, in San Diego, they had a behind-the-scenes tour of the famous zoo. It was the first time either one of them had been in an elephant's bedroom. Your secretaries periodically beseech you for news and many of you respond. If you haven't gotten an e-mail from us recently, please send us your e-mail address. If you have changed addresses, please keep us up to date.

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Dorothy Domina Willard, of Orleans, Vt., writes of attending the Midd Alumni Association gathering at the Vermont State House in December '03, when she met the surprising Midd freshman who won the Jeopardy College Bowl. Dottie is much involved with the national Words for Thirds program, with a goal of supplying a dictionary to every Vermont third grader. ✳ **Carl Parkinson** '47 says he "finally 'bit the bullet' and moved back to Sun City Hilton Head. Don't miss the New Jersey ice and snow." ✳ Still living in Lake Placid, Fla., **June Brookman Kenney** is visiting New York State this summer, as well as in October to attend a granddaughter's wedding. ✳ **Laura-Lee Hopkins Pike** called from Holland, Mich., where she lives in a three-level retirement village. Her husband, Milt '45, died in March 2003. Laura-Lee delights in her times with their nine grandchildren. ✳ Mac and **Phyllis Howland McIntosh** have two rental houses, in addition to their own home, among the redwoods on California's Point Arena. Walking their dog among fields and trees, she glimpses the ocean. Phyllis is retired from the business world, where her last position was with Kraft Foods. ✳ In Boxford, Mass., **Charlotte Davis Wilson** has been doing her fund-raising for Middlebury. Charlie was a social worker until six years ago when she retired. She stays active through her church and helping needy families through the soup kitchen. Her daughter and family recently surprised her with a gift trip to Jamaica, which they all enjoyed together. She shared the sad news that **Nancy Finley Garrett**, who was badly injured last year in a car accident, died on March 9. **Muriel Mack Lamppert** attended her memorial service. The sympathy of the class is extended to all of Nancy's family. ✳ A new senior recreation center in Ridgefield, Conn., keeps **Alice DeLorenzo Stansbury** involved, as do gardening and luncheons. Candy has been taking a first course in landscaping. She anticipates a week in Hawaii and a visit with her daughter and granddaughter in Houston. Candy is already looking forward to our 60th Reunion in 2007. So should we all!

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Gloria Tanner Assie writes from Paris: "Sorry I couldn't attend our 55th Reunion last year. In 2002, I made a trip home for a Thanksgiving family reunion and stopped in Seattle to visit all my Boeing friends. I couldn't afford a second big trip so soon after that one, but certainly missed seeing everyone. Very busy keeping up with son Michel and his family and with friends, Italian classes, etc." ✳ Having had a new hip installed December 23, **Tom Johnson** was chagrined to miss meeting **Bob** and **Marya Steele Kellogg** to cheer on the women's hockey team during the regular season's games. But Tom finally got to one of the Final Four Championship contests. Hurray, Midd won! ✳ **Stew Washburn** and Barb had to give up some ski time in New Hampshire in order to visit his sister at her winter place in Florida. Seems he had "put it off" long enough: Florida is not his favorite place. ✳ In Maine, Jinny and **Dick Haseltine** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 8. Thanks to a stent, Jinny has recovered completely from the heart attack she had a year and a half ago. ✳ **Bob Dustin** retired from his dental practice in Greenwich, Conn., 10 years ago and returned to his hometown, Randolph, Vt. They ski in winter and spend summers at their place in Nantucket. Wife Nan says they love to visit the College: "It's beautiful." ✳ From his Sacramento home in California, **Sandy Rosenberg** reports that he and wife Rita "circumvented South America aboard the m/s *Seven Seas Mariner*. The cruise was outstanding. After leaving San Francisco on October 17, we visited Santa Barbara and L.A., where older son Nathan and his son, Charles, were able to join us for lunch and to tour the ship." From there it was San Diego, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Cape Horn ("it *does* feel like the end of the world"), Argentina, Buenos Aires, Falkland Islands, Uruguay, Brazil, French Guiana, and Barbados, before docking in Fort Lauderdale on December 20. ✳ Pres '47 and **Joan Spross Carr** divide the year between their Vancouver Island home and their winter home in Arizona. While in Sun City West, they get together occasionally with year-round residents Roy '45 and **Bev Boyton Kinsey**. The Carrs are enjoying their video camera, which permits them to catch sight of their baby granddaughter, Sasha, who lives in Shanghai. ✳ Marta and **Bob Andersen** spent two late fall weeks in London, celebrating Thanksgiving with several family members. A mid-March trip was planned to the west coast of Florida. Bob continues to be a researcher and writer with the Rensselaer County Historical Society. He recently sold his Steinway piano and is now enjoying a Yamaha keyboard. Says it's great fun. ✳ The day before Hurricane Isabel arrived in Pennsylvania, Dave '44 and **Irmy Nierhaus Stebbins** and I (Liz) drove to Monroe Township, New Jersey, to visit Don and **Lou Gerlitz Ebner**. Our mini-reunion included **Alice Deininger Kreider**, who has been living in Red Bank, but has moved to Meadow lakes in Hightstown, not far from the Ebners. Meadow Lakes is a retirement community with all the amenities, where Alice enjoys the proximity to Princeton. Since then, Dave and Irmy traveled to Egypt for 15 fascinating days. ✳ We regret to report the death of **Ezra Parker** on December 7, 2003. ✳ The condolences of the class are extended to **Mary Lou Allin Bartholomaus** on the death of her husband, Bart, in December. ✳ Ed and **Nona Flatley Moore** began making plans to attend our 55th the day they arrived home from our 50th in 1998. Their plans changed, unfortunately, early last year when Ed became ill. But, after radiation and rest, the doctors have given him high marks for a very successful recovery.

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REUNION CLASS

It was good to hear from George and **Rachel Adkins Platt**. They called us in Florida when they were traveling through. ✳ When I talked to Davie (**Priscilla**

The hairstyles are a bit different, the uniforms sleeker, and the younger guys of the 2003 squad insist they are a touch more athletic than their counterparts were in 1954, but one constant remains 50 years after the men's soccer program took root at Middlebury: excellence on the pitch. Since its inaugural undefeated season in the fall of 1954, the soccer program has emerged over the past half century as one of New England's elite squads.

Legions of soccer standouts will return to the College next October for a celebration of 50 years of Middlebury soccer. Festivities are planned for the weekend of October 8–10; that's Inauguration and Homecoming weekend. For further information, please contact the Alumni and Parent Programs Office at 802-443-5169.

Davis Ballou), she hoped to make reunion, although she was having some back problems. ✷ **Becky Belisle Baute** recently took a Caribbean cruise. She visited us at the Villages this winter with friend Bill McKinley '50. ✷ Due to family conflicts, **Jane Alice Miller Brouwers** was unable to attend our reunion. ✷ **Betty Dean Custer** planned to attend reunion. She is still very involved in real estate and is president of a council of residential specialists in Massachusetts. ✷ While recovering from a serious virus infection, my freshman year roommate, **Joanne Elliott Pillsbury**, was seeking transportation assistance from South Thomaston, Maine, to reunion. ✷ Willie (**Lura Williams Wood**) and husband George were definitely coming to reunion. She looked forward to playing in the golf competition. She had recently been to California. ✷ **Cleone Jones Sporborg** was also coming to reunion. She was soon heading for Scotland with husband Tony '50. Scotland is their second home. ✷ This February brought a Grenada vacation for **Pat** and **Kay Mulligan, Kyle** and **Eleanor Barker Prescott**, and **Dave** and **Perry Maurer Thompson**. ✷ **Buzz Myers White** loves living on Lake Wentworth, "only a mile from Pat Guthrie in N.H." ✷ **Larry Smith** recalls entering Middlebury 60 years ago last July, with the Navy V-12 unit. ✷ **Barbara Bishop** writes that she won't be able to attend reunion, but sends her love to her classmates. ✷ **Constance Johnson** has moved to Bay Woods of Annapolis, a retirement community. She writes that she "couldn't find a nicer group of people!" ✷ Jean and **Gideon LaCroix** are still maintaining the farm in Arlington, Vt., and dabbling in antiques as an avocation. Son Christopher and his wife, Kathy, live in Hanover, N.H., where she is curator of academic programming at Dartmouth. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Eugene W. Robinson** on December 18, 2003; of **Phyllis Brown Gavaghan** on January 7, 2004; and of **William H. Greene** on December 26, 2003. Condolences are extended to their families. ✷ Two students benefited from the Class of 1949 Scholarship Fund this past year. One graduated in May, after completing coursework in Japanese and history. The other just completed his first year at Middlebury, where he is interested in pursuing neuroscience or psychology. —Class Secretary: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.*

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Secretary Burdett reports: Clearly the Class of '50 is intent on preserving mind and body. **Irv** and **Kathy Pell Meeker** were in South Carolina for a few months this winter. In addition to playing golf and tennis, they have renewed their interest in music. Kathy is taking piano lessons and participates in a monthly group where everyone from her teacher to relative novices plays a piece; a wonderful, welcoming experience. Kathy wishes she could have spent more time at Midd studying the arts, even though it was fun playing the games of her departmental major, mathematics. Irv played the flute in high school and decided to pick it up again in retirement. With a teacher in Maine and another in South Carolina, he keeps at it year round. Both Meekers dedicate time toward conservation, children, health and education, and maritime history. They had recently talked with Jane and **Allan Dragone**, who were at their vacation home near Vero Beach, Fla., where Al plays lots of golf. They were busy with family and friends, fleeing the cold northern weather. ✷ **Roland Erickson** writes: "How the years have changed us! A big 'happening' for Ada (Fankhauser '49) and me now is to go to a late lunch, preferably overlooking the Freeport Canal, after a doctor's appointment! I'm a great newspaper reader (*New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Newsday*) and have an avid interest in history books. Something I've gotten into lately that others might enjoy is listening to taped college courses on history, philosophy, and science. They range from 24 to 84 lectures of 30 or 45 minutes duration. Each comes with a course outline. Right now I'm at lecture 67 (of 70) on the history of the U.S. We also have 'Einstein's Relativity and Quantum Revolution—Modern Physics for Non-Scientists,' by Prof. Rich Wolfson of Middlebury College. Anyone interested can contact the Teaching Company (www.Teach12.com)." ✷ And from **Meg Fohring German**: "Cicero, born near Rome in 106 B.C., wrote his treatise 'On Old Age' when he was 63. He emphasized that 'by internal resources of happiness the closing period may be rendered not only supportable but comfortable.' Cicero argues that for any real pleasures the person of advanced age may lose, many others 'more refined and elevated can take their place.' We are now well beyond Cicero's 63 years. I, for one, find it difficult to confront the reality of being of 'advanced age,' because life here is still busy and full of wonder. I appreciate more each year the 'door opened' by the Middlebury College education; it has enabled me truly to enjoy and appreciate the adventures I've had. My husband James's life in human genetics has taken us to live in Japan, Taiwan, and Egypt, and to visit almost every country in Europe. We have the good fortune to enjoy good health and to live in NYC, having available a wealth of stimulating lectures, music, and art. My life has been enriched by learning a little about a lot of things. If I were asked what I would have done differently, I would answer that I would have become an authority on one of them. But, which one?" ✷ The recipient of financial aid from the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund for the past academic year was graduating this spring with majors in international studies and English. For her junior year, she was at La Universidad de La Rioja in Logroño, Spain. On campus, she was active in the Mountain Club and Wonnacott Commons. This fund was established at our 30th Reunion in 1980. As of June 30, 2003, its market value was $65,244. ✷ We report with sadness several deaths in our class. The sympathy of the class is extended to the families of **O. Andrews Ferguson** (died October 29), **Jean Simmons Arnold** (died January 5), **Tom Fraioli** (died February 2), and **Norman R. Bates** (died February 20).

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Sally Stone Edmondson is thoroughly enjoying her retirement. One of her new pleasures is being able to take classes at the Retired Persons Institute connected with Temple Univ. and the Univ. of Pa. in Philadelphia, where Sally is living. When we talked in March, she was looking forward to a mini-reunion with **Joan Hunter Kent** and **Bonnie Graham Baird**, who were coming with their husbands for a visit the end of the month—which by coincidence happened to be Sally's birthday! ✳ As a member of the Rutgers Board of Governors, **Anne Moreau Thomas** was looking forward to presenting college diplomas to two of her grandchildren, Dale and Thomas Langley, at their graduation from Rutgers in June. (Dale and Thomas are the offspring of Catherine Thomas Langley '75.) Anne has fond memories of a special family trip to Germany and France to hear the Rutgers Glee Club sing. Anne said the beauty of their singing in Notre Dame Cathedral was unforgettable. Still living in Flemington, N.J., Anne enjoys a change of pace periodically by going to her house in Cape Cod. ✳ Chicago alums enjoyed two Middlebury events in spring. President McCardell spoke to a large and enthusiastic gathering of Midd alumni and parents in downtown Chicago in March. People came early and stayed late. Midd prof. Don Wyatt gave a tour and presented a lecture on the stunning exhibit, "Splendors of China's Forbidden City," at Chicago's Field Museum. ✳ As you know, our class established a scholarship fund for undergraduates years ago, and today it assists the College in achieving its policy of providing financial aid to students in need. This past year some 39 percent of the undergraduates received some amount of aid. The average grant for a first-year student was $24,000. Each year the financial aid people select one man and one woman to receive aid from our fund. During the '03-'04 year, recipients were a senior man majoring in political science and a first-year woman, who expects to major in English and/or languages. Both of these young people have expressed their appreciation for the aid they received from the 1951 Scholarship Fund. Anyone may make contributions to this fund, with thanks from the College and from us.

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Secretary Cahill reports: **Lynn McMillen** enjoyed recent trips to Manhattan and Michigan to see friends and family. She keeps very busy singing in her church choir and serving on church committees. She was hoping for a Greater Boston get-together luncheon with classmates soon. ✳ **Sally Moulton Schenck** regrets having to miss our 50th, but she enjoyed a full report from **Sharon Locke MacCartney**. Living in Palm Harbor, Fla., Sally is historian for her DAR chapter and enjoys helping to preserve our history. She's also hooked on playing interactive bridge on the Internet. One evening her "table" consisted of a man from South Africa, another from Barcelona, and Sally's sister from San Diego, Calif. Sally, I guess you are a modern high-tech woman. Sally and husband Gordon had a special reason to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year, when he earned dual Irish American citizenship through the Corrigan side of his family. Sally spends summers in Minnesota, on the banks of the Mississippi River—a close second to being in Vermont, she says. ✳ In Milpitas, Calif., **Jean Roberts Rust** was expecting a delegation of visiting teachers from Taiwan when she wrote. She teaches English and writing to children and adults of Chinese background and other cultures. She is also the educational adviser for the Chinese American Abacus Association, promoting the abacus as a tool for teaching math skills. Living near her two sons, an engineer and a teacher, Jean recently installed a swimming pool and reports that she had been in the water often since early February. ✳ Congratulations to Peter and **Ruth Eldridge Race** on their 50th anniversary last September. They celebrated by going on a wonderful Elderhostel in Switzerland. They traveled by train from Lucerne to Locarno, spending their actual anniversary in St. Moritz. ✳ **Carol Holmes Phillips** reported that she and John were headed for an Elderhostel biking trip in Sweden in June. ✳ Joe and **Nancy Harrison Bove** moved to a ranch style house in Hamden, Conn., in June, after almost 40 years in their former home. Both are very active in the Unitarian Society of New Haven, just up the road. Nancy reports that "granddaughter Kate (15) won a silver medal in breaststroke at the Special Olympics in Dublin in June." ✳ One of our hard-working class agents, **Alice Hildreth Rand** reminded me to remind everyone of the importance of annual giving, even though we are in a non-reunion year. The work of the College goes on every year. Alice and husband Pete recently returned from a boat float down the Amazon, catching piranha, seeing wonderful bird life, and visiting some native villages in the lowland Peruvian jungle. They are delighted to be new grandparents to a Korean girl (8 mos.), who has been adopted by son Peter '87 and his wife, Melanie Crabtree Rand '90. ✳ We extend our deepest sympathy to **Peg Lewis West** on the loss of her husband, Sandy, last December. He suffered a second heart attack following surgery. ✳ Secretary Davis reports: **Barbara Cummiskey Villet** kindly wrote a tribute for **Bert Rathburn**, who died on January 9, 2004: "You may remember Bert as a star football and hockey player at Middlebury, but what came later was more revealing. Bert made a career in Army Intelligence as an NCO in the OSS, spanning 27 years and many of the world's hot spots. Despite an initial immersion in Russian at the Presidio, he began his intelligence tours in Korea, before being sent to a Cold War post in Berlin, where he married. Next was Plieku in Vietnam, followed by a secret assignment in Thailand, then stints teaching intelligence work in the U.S. The family returned to Germany at the end of the Cold War. Bert ended his career as a civilian instructor in intelligence-gathering methods at several U.S. Army posts, before retiring to Derry, N.H., in the 1980s." We send the condolences of the class to his wife, Erika, and all the family. Representing our class at Bert's memorial service on January 13 were **Steve Baker, John Roy, Bill Trask**, and **Barbara Villet**. ✳ In February 2004, the *Hartford Courant* carried a special article on the contributions **Dee Rowe** has made to the Univ. of Conn. and the State of Connecticut. Dee has had some health problems recently, but is now back at work part time. He must have been enjoying UConn's success in the NCAA Final Four. One small excerpt from the article: "There must be somebody who comports himself with more dignity than Donald 'Dee' Rowe. There must be somebody who serves as a better ambassador for college basketball and for his state university. We haven't found that man." ✳ When Dr. **Bob Martin** wrote this spring, he said they were about to sell their West Hartford house and move to the Shore (Niantic, Conn.). "We have added on to the barn in South Londonderry, Vt., so we will have more room for the nine grandchildren (all girls!) and their friends. I still look back fondly on our 50th Reunion. It was wonderful to see all of those classmates." ✳ Looking forward to our 55th, **Bill Trask** is "helping Joe and Jeanne make it a fun event. Ideas for activities gratefully accepted."

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Susan Taylor, of Urbana, Ill., represented Middlebury College at the April 17 inauguration of Axel Steuer as the 13th president of Illinois College. ✳ We were sorry to learn that **Martha Ladd Allee**'s husband of 50 years died on April 17, 2003. Martha writes that two of their daughters and two grandchildren live nearby in Ithaca. Daughter Lisa '84 and four grandchildren live in Colorado. Martha regretted missing reunion. ✳ **Jan Luytjes** was also sorry to have missed reunion. He reports that he "finally retired, after 52 years of teaching more than 25,000 undergraduate and graduate students!" He is enjoying his tennis and golf, and traveling abroad. ✳ **Anne Schafer Edwards** writes that she "recently met **Sarah Pettibone Dabney** and family in NYC for a gala evening, the world premiere of *Hester Prynne at Death*, a Stephen Paulus chamber opera, with libretto by Terry Quinn. Sarah's daughter, Elizabeth Dabney, a stunning young woman and compelling soprano, sang as Hester Prynne. The music and performance were superb and applause demanded five curtain calls. Home again to March weather on Cape Cod, 54 degrees one day, snow the next. Spring due sometime late in May! Microscope and foraminifera to sort await, as does my grandson (3) who calls to 'play' every afternoon. It's all fun!" ✳ **Sandy Bing** winters in NYC and summers in Montana. Retired, he says he's now engaged in fly-fishing, woodworking, and nonprofits. He and wife Cynthia have three daughters and a son.

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Secretary Ryan reports: I received a clipping from **Norm Kittel** in Oregon, and didn't lose it immediately; it took me a few days. I called him to ask for a copy and had a delightful conversation. He has remained very active in civic affairs, and now chairs the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Committee, a group that oversees the Youth Conservation Corps, established by the state legislature in 1987 and modeled after the one established by President Roosevelt during the 1930s. They now have at least one crew in every Oregon county during the summer, and partner with some 20 alternate schools. The programs accommodate nearly 1,000 youth participants. Norm's experience teaching criminal justice at St. Cloud Univ. in Minnesota, his interest in the environment, and active volunteer role in the community enable him to bring great insight and stability to the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. The Kittels travel a lot, having recently been through Hungary, Bulgaria, and along the magnificent Croatian coast, where they spent a week in Dubrovnik. Another extended trip took them to South America, where they spent time in

Argentina, Chile, and at Easter Island. All of this, while Norm has been suffering for some years with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. ✷ I placed a call to Walt and **Nancy Wilson Rule** in Ouray, Colo. The phone rang and rang and the recording said, "If you're looking for 'Meals on Wheels' or the 'Transportation for Seniors' or Nancy and Walt Rule, this is the place. Leave your message." Walt picked up and told me that Nancy was running a friend's day care center for the week! Ouray, Walt reports, is changing from a small rural town to more of a vacation-type center. With a winter population of 800, it expands to more than 3,000 in the summer and fall. As it becomes more gentrified, the new residents are less likely to participate in volunteer activities than those who have lived there in the past. And more change is coming, as Texans and Californians find that life can be a lot more pleasant elsewhere. ✷ I really enjoyed visiting with both Norm and Walt. Both the Kittels and the Rules are working hard to make substantial differences in their communities. So keep those cards and letters coming and, like the Kittels and the Rules, stay busy and stay connected! It's good for all of us and for our world! ✷ Secretary Nickerson reports: I talked recently to **BJ Brown Underwood**, who is selling her Newport, R.I., house and fixing up the family home in Lancaster, Pa. BJ is very involved in historic preservation and tourism. ✷ Last summer I recognized **Iris** (formerly Patti) **Lothrop Miller** in Maine, as she and her husband were waiting for the ferry to take them to their summer home on beautiful Monhegan Island. We only had time for a very brief chat, but I learned that Iris is writing poetry, has done readings, and has had a few poems published. ✷ By the time you read this, the BIG 50 will be just memories. We'll have a rehash in the fall column.
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By the time you read this, you may have begun to receive information regarding our 50th Reunion. **Nancy Walker Faulkner** is the editor of our 50th Yearbook. Please be sure to return your profile, as we want 100 percent participation. And mark your calendars for June 2005! ✷ **Maureen Smiley Gross** accepted an *early* retirement offer from a nonprofit Roman Catholic agency: "It was really hard to refuse—certainly not Enron, but who quibbles? Seventy-plus seemed like a good age, but I'm still consulting for the same agency, which keeps me busy." ✷ **Carol Hawkins Rowe** is teaching computer skills as a volunteer at a senior center. She also does "as much travel as possible, including a fourth bike tour with Elderhostel in Europe and a downhill ski program with that same organization in Maine, plus enjoying London, and a tour of Vietnam. Also lucky to have three granddaughters and a healthy family." ✷ **Russell Smith** says he's "living large on the banks of the Kennebec River. Come and visit—but call first. I may be fishing." ✷ The recent recipient of our class scholarship fund is a political science major, who was graduating this May. As class secretary, I have received notes of appreciation from her to our class for our financial support. ✷ I'm sorry to report that **Lois Matthews Engleman** has been homebound since May of 2000, with a relapse of chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia. Husband Jack reports that "she is up and dressed every day, but has to do a lot of bed rest. It's a lousy life, but she somehow handles it better than most people would." Since she can't have too much stimulation, phone calls are not encouraged, but I'm sure cards would be much appreciated. Her address is 19 Daybreak Ln., Hyannis, MA 02601. ✷ **Gretchen Rath Doolittle** has been recovering from a hip replacement and plans to have her other hip done this summer. I hear **Jerry** is a wonderful nurse! At our reunion next year there will be a large contingent of us with bionic limbs and joints.
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Secretary Houghton reports: Many classmates are anticipating our independent mini-reunion at Barb and **Dick Catlin**'s Adirondack camp, Timberlock, this September. As of this writing, we have a full camp, but there may be a cancellation or two, so e-mail dick@timberlock.com for details if you're interested. ✷ **Si Marchand** is talking up the soccer reunion this fall. It all started about 50 years ago, I believe, as a club with one ball and a hand pump. Si has been biking in New Zealand, along with wife Phyllis, who is probably still running Princeton, N.J. ✷ **Ann Case Holt** says she is on her second or third career, but will be retired again by reunion time. ✷ **Norm Crowder** continues to roam the world, training actuaries in eastern Europe and central Asia. ✷ **Helga Neuse Whitcomb** is getting a new hip installed soon. She expects to be in top shape for our 50th. Daughter Katharine, a poet and prof. at Johnson State Univ., was one of 13 Vermont poets honored at Burlington's Fletcher Free Library Town Meeting poetry reading. "An incredible experience," Helga reported. ✷ **Bob Santomenna** is "Of Counsel" to his law firm (meaning almost retired). ✷ **Hull Maynard** is rebuilding from the fire that destroyed their Rutland B&B. It should be ready soon. ✷ **Marjorie Robbins**, in Middlebury, reports excellent health and says she has "no symptoms that I can depend on." ✷ **John Chase** has his ranch in St Helena, Calif., on the block. He'll be moving to Marin as soon as the right buyer shows up. ✷ Excitement for Sandy and **Hawley Jones** consists of leisure living in Venice, Fla., and attending the strawberry festival in Plant City with **Phil** and **Gail Knight Derrick**. ✷ **Charlotte Duryea Hohl** is off on a new career with Eco Quest, an indoor air purification systems company. Check it out on the Web. ✷ **Wendy Buehr Murphy** is studying to be an EMT, so if you're in trouble in Kent (Conn.), she may be the one sticking a needle in you on the way to the hospital. ✷ Bob and **Joan Rehe Wilkinson** claim to be very happy in their home in New Hampshire: "Many people cannot believe that we gave up our life in Florida to retire here, but we love it. The community we're living in has people from many places in the country. It also has every activity you can imagine, so you can be as busy as you'd like or you can enjoy as much free time as you'd like. I've been singing with a group that performs here, as well as in other areas of New Hampshire." ✷ At Middlebury, **Walter Mears** delivered this year's Robert W. van de Velde '75 Memorial Lecture, "Forty Years of Presidential Campaigning." ✷ **Judy Phinney Stearns** is still actively participating in overseas YMCA development. She made a trip to Novosibirsk, Siberia, to participate in the 10th anniversary of their YMCA. ✷ **Ron** and Kathy Platt '57 **Potier** are the advance guard on admissions for a new Carnegie Mellon University Campus opening in September in Doha Qatar on the Arabian Gulf. ✷ **Jane Affleck** says she's still splitting her time, with winter in Hawaii and summer on Cape Cod: "Golf, tennis, and bridge (duplicate and kitchen) keep me out of trouble. Gardening on the Cape is another activity. I'm 'in the book' at both locations. Please give me a call, wherever." ✷ See many of you in the fall!
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If you want to keep up with **Dru Cortell Gensler**, you'll need an atlas and an airplane, plus plenty of time on your hands. Stamina, as you'll see, also helps. Dru has just completed the second of her two five-year terms on the Middlebury Board of Trustees. She sums it up this way: "I feel so privileged to have shared a truly amazing and inspiring, dare I say 'historic,' time of progress under gifted leadership." It's ending with the oldest of her nine grandchildren, granddaughter Aaron Hudson Gensler, heading for Middlebury, class of 2008. Dru and husband Art are literally "racing around the world," as she puts it, as Art shepherds the nation's largest architectural firm (26 offices and some 1,800 employees). Items on her agenda: reunion with Cornell pals at Cabo; Chicago in mid-April for the Gensler board meeting; to Middlebury for her last board meeting; to the Morristown, N.J., office for the Gensler board meeting; to London on Gensler business; to St. Petersburg and Copenhagen; a Loire barge trip with friends in France; and some time at their Rancho Santa Fe home in August. In the fall, she hopes to see **Diana Austin Varlay** in D.C. Whew! ✷ **Peter** and Suzanne Lewis '58 **Read** have made two visits to New Zealand in two years: "If you haven't been, GO! Kiwis are the friendliest and the scenery is Vermont plus Alps plus oceans." ✷ Last October, "after weeks of should-we or should-we-not-go discussions," **Priscilla Noble Grundy** and **Alexandrine Post Koontz** went to China. Xanie reports: "One of many unforgettable events was the ship passage into the huge lock at the Great Dam on the Yangzte River, made more memorable by a most unexpected clarinet rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," followed by "Don't Fence Me In," played by an elderly American passenger to the delight of the people standing in awe on the top deck."
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Rich Miner reports that "the 50th year of our matriculation at Midd is also the 50th anniversary of the first soccer team. We were the first undefeated team in any sport since 1936! I have been working with Frank Punderson '55, current coach Dave Saward, and Hugh Marlow '57 in the alumni office to bring back as many players from the last 50 years as possible. And also all of the coaches! Soccer has grown dramatically, from the "walk-ons" of our era to a national Division III powerhouse. The anniversary will be celebrated on October 8-10 (Homecoming) with a short ceremony, short alumni game, varsity game with Amherst, reception following the game in the Lawson Lounge, and a dinner at Bread Loaf, catered by the Dog Team. I hope

everyone in our class who played will be able to return. ✳ **George Devine** announces that he retired February 11, 2004, but adds: "We'll see how long it will last. Youngest son and family have moved to the Orlando area. Get to see grandkids more often. Jeff is back and forth to Helsinki for Nokia." ✳ **Peter Honegger** represented Middlebury for the inauguration of Paul LeBlanc as the fifth president at Southern New Hampshire Univ. ✳ Wiz (**Mary Loomis Simms**) and husband **Gordy** send greetings to classmates and friends, as well as congratulations to President McCardell. "We walked the campus last spring and viewed the trees in front of Mead Chapel that were saplings just a short time ago. May we all keep the sap flowing and keep branching out."
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Lee Lonsdale Schaffer reports that "all seems well in the South: 'retired' husband still teaching economics at Georgia Tech; son Sam still teaching U.S. history and coaching at St. Albans School in D.C.; and son Teddy teaching engineering economy and coaching at Georgia Tech (while in grad school). I'm still judging figure skating and decompressing from putting on the 2004 U.S. Figure Skating Championships here in Atlanta in January." Unfortunately, Lee won't make reunion, because she'll be traveling. ✳ Reporting in from Culebra, P.R., **Peter Watson** says "life is good on this little island. I build furniture and kitchens for custom homes. **Bill Hussey** and **Steve Turner**'s letters have awakened me from my Rip Van Winkle snooze." He sends his best to all classmates. ✳ **Hester Lewis** has retired from law and social work, but now she's "up to my ears in volunteering for AFS International programs. Anybody want to host a foreign exchange student? Evenings will be devoted to canvassing for Kerry!" ✳ Retiring from Boise State Univ. last spring after 33 years, **Charles Davis** was named Honors Teacher of the Year and English Teacher of the Year. While Charlie is serving as president of Boise Contemporary Theater, he's also playing more tennis, planning a greenhouse, visiting grandchildren, and welcoming visitors. ✳ Now semi-retired, **Ed Oster** is in sales at Radio Shack for fun. He and wife Judy (McKay '62) have been married for 44 years and have six grandchildren (7-14). ✳ Our 45th Reunion will be over when you read this. Hope you were there!
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Joe Bujold, who continues his work with Harvest Board, skis at Stowe as often as possible. Lee manages the households in Maine and Vermont and looks after their two cats and two dogs. She celebrated her 60th birthday last summer by hosting, along with two friends, a *Senior Prom* complete with blue tuxedoes and wrist corsages! ✳ Bob and **Betsy Cilley Goeke** have moved to a townhouse condo in Winchester, with a garage and someone else to shovel snow and mow the lawn. She volunteers at the Museum of Science and Saugus Ironworks, plays with a recorder group, and is property chair for her church. After a tough headache last June, she had surgery to correct an aneurysm in her head. ✳ **Linda Farr MacGregor** finds it great fun to have Linda and **Bill French** just on the other side of the mountain in Rumford, Maine. Last fall the MacGregors and the Frenches had lunch and an entire afternoon of memories with Roy and **Betsy Comstock Vontobel**. ✳ **Loey Boon Hill** spends her vacations in Boothbay Harbor. She traveled the British Isles last fall, and goes to Rochester frequently to visit her mother. During winter in the Berkshires, she was redecorating the house, taking courses, and looking for new volunteer activities. ✳ **Deborah Wetmore**'s third grandchild (first girl), Winter Anna Heaton, was born during a blizzard in Boston. Oldest grand, Andrew (3), spends Wednesdays with Deborah. She looks forward to teaching him to ski. ✳ **Pieter Schiller** reports he's winding down in venture capital, but not retired yet. In March, he and Betty closed on a second home in Weybridge. Built in 1990, it's a reproduction of the Warham Williams house built in Northford, Conn., in 1750. They're learning how to care for the asparagus, grapes, blueberries, raspberries, and apples the former owner lovingly cultivated. Pieter is on the advisory board of a venture capital fund in Middlebury, Fresh Tracks of Capital, helping to find and support growing businesses. ✳ **Dotty Cattelle** is the 2004 board president of the Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Maine. Last summer she spent two weeks in England and Scotland, singing and touring with her church choir. In December the choir sang (from memory) the Christmas portion of the *Messiah* with a chamber orchestra from the Portland Symphony. **Ginger Kinghorn Work** visited with Dotty over Thanksgiving. Ginger and Bert live in Maine in the summer and Puerto Rico in the winter. ✳ In November, **Pat Knox Davies** played, with some fairly good results, in the USTA National Senior Women's Intersectional Team Championships in Naples, Fla., as a member of the New England team. This team competition involved the best women players in the country from all 14 USTA sections. ✳ **Sally Giguere Giglio** had an interesting year. In March '03 she tore her ACL skiing in Tahoe. Resigned to a summer on crutches, they couldn't get refunds for airline tickets to Italy, so they went. Sally limped around Rome, Tuscany, Umbria, and Isola del Giglio, where they were minor celebrities. None of the islands 2,000 inhabitants have that name. Last summer she and Dick also managed five weeks of sailing, with Sal climbing up the ladder from frequent swims. ✳ Last July, **Helen Smith Folweiler-Chipman** and hubby Dave met up with Dave's mountain-climbing buddy, Phil, and his wife for 10 days of camping in two little tents in the heart of the French Alps. Then on to Chamonix for another four. Beautiful mountain country, beautiful flowers in the gardens, many long walks on the valley floors, and a couple of good hikes into the mountains. ✳ Retired surgeon James Salmon is now the preacher at a small rural Methodist Church, where making apple butter is the major fund-raiser to provide heat in the winter. **Louisa Potts Salmon** sold 90 pints! Last summer Louisa and James cruised the Saint Lawrence River and visited Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec City, and Bar Harbor. A hurricane kept them from visiting Halifax. At home in Erie, Pa., they continue with farming, Meals on Wheels, teaching, tennis, bridge, and church committees. ✳ Last October, Bob and **Judy Neese Woods** toured Sicily to see whether Hemingway was right when he said that it was the most beautiful place on Earth. Bob always wanted to see the Greek temples he studied at Princeton and to visit Syracuse where the Peloponnesian War ended. Judy has written a book about the Normans, who had a great effect on Sicily's history, and wanted to see their monuments. ✳ Joyce and **Bob Millett** had an eventful 2003, including the purchase of a condo in Waunakee, Wis., a transcontinental train trip, a bike tour of the San Juan Islands, and the sale of two houses that had been built for their respective parents in New Jersey. After their fourth summer at their Algoma house on Lake Michigan, they migrated to their new winter home, a duplex ranch unit overlooking the golf course in a club community. ✳ In Milwaukee, **John Emory** and son John Jr. own and run a thriving combination business-valuation and merger-and-acquisition business. Wife Mary remains "a happy professional volunteer" and daughter Elizabeth '91 is a Milwaukee actuary. ✳ Dud '59 and **Nona Lyons Livingstone** have two of their three children living near them in Big Sky, Mont., which is great fun. They do a lot of rafting trips in the summer, as well as fishing and biking. The winter is strictly skiing. ✳ Short notes from your cards: Don and **Polly Sellye Meltzer** enjoy doing 10-kilometer walks all around the country. ✳ **Ken Maguire** says he is almost retired, but never wants to be completely. He promises to send more news. Your class secretary is still waiting! ✳ **Fletcher Manley** has finally retired from full-time work at the Stoneham Press, but is busy with other endeavors. ✳ **Anne DeSola Paust**, happily retired for four years from social work administration, is now doing lot of volunteer work, including service as assistant treasurer of her Unitarian Fellowship. ✳ Alda and **Gerry Barrington** recently acquired a French Bull Dog, Beau. They found out that Beau was actually an import from Russia—he has a belly tattoo to prove it. Alda suspects he may be a spy. Their daughter said they not only have to potty train the puppy, but they have to teach him English. ✳ Remember to send Jean Seeler a postcard from your vacation or travels.
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Jean Eisenhart '61 was looking forward to spring "because the goats are bred and we are nearly out of firewood."

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Sandy Anderson Bolton reports having a wonderful time in Aspen with Will '51 and **Carolyn Bennett Jackson** and Jane and **Tim Moore**. Sandy is "looking forward to next year's Midd ski trip to

Sun Valley that **Harvey Gray** is organizing. Son Andy and Michele have been in Paris for three years. Daughter Leslie has three children. The adventures continue." ✷ **Jean Eisenhart** writes: "Jack and I are well. We enjoyed the winter, including a sailing vacation in the Caribbean. Now looking forward to spring, because the goats are bred and we are nearly out of firewood." ✷ **Will Reger** is serving Elkhorn River Parish, Nebraska, as interim minister. He reports they "have one UCC and three United Methodist churches." ✷ **Sharon Hostler** has been named senior associate dean for the Univ. of Va. School of Medicine, with focus on faculty affairs, academic advancement, and five-year reviews of chairs. ✷ **George Geckle** taught a class, "*Hamlet* on Film," during winter term 2004 at Middlebury. He has previously taught at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison (1965-1968) and the Univ. of S.C. (1968-2002). He retired from USC in July 2002, but still teaches English part time. ✷ With deep sadness, **Wendy Wardwell Hathaway** reports the death of her husband, Jim, in June 2003. After 34 years of teaching elementary school, Wendy retired in June 2002.

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Karin (Kajsa) Eckelmeyer is still loving retirement. Although husband Rowland "may no longer be doing fieldwork, we seem to be turning into tour guides for the North Cascades and Olympic Mountains in Washington. In July 2003 we had a fascinating two weeks in Iceland with Norwegian friends. Austere beauty, amazing geology, and 'hot pots' around every turn." At home, Karin is "still gardening, reading, working part time at the Scandinavian gift shop in Menlo Park, and still singing in the Stanford Symphonic Chorus."

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Charles MacCormack was on campus in April to give a talk on "The Politics of Humanitarian Response after 9/11." He is still the president, CEO, and a member of the board of directors of the Save the Children Federation. He's a member of a number of committees and organizations, including the Council on Foreign Relations. He was also selected by the UN secretary general to participate in the founding of the United Nations University. ✷ After retiring from his allergy practice on December 31, 2003, Dr. **Keith Megathlin** and wife Bonnie moved to Florida. He reports they are enjoying life!

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Alice Taliak Imbur reports that husband Don's retirement has allowed them time to live on board their boat and to explore new areas of the world. Last year, they spent eight months sailing in the Bahama Islands and in the Mediterranean Sea, from Croatia to Madeira and the Canary Islands off Morocco. ✷ **Rick Seybolt** thought he would be in Duluth teaching Spanish at the Univ. of Minn. for a year or two. This is his 30th year! While continuing to teach, he reports that "tennis, golf, grandchildren, and staying warm are my hobbies." ✷ **Heidi Holloway Strom** was sorry to miss reunion: "I'm in the midst of moving 1.5 miles, keeping same street address. Would still love company!" ✷ **Steve** and Linda Buehl '65 **Brown** were planning to make it to our 40th. ✷ By the time you read this, reunion will be over and here's hoping there are a lot of happy memories. Send them along for a future column!

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Secretary Tall reports: **Peter Branch** and **John Zawistoski** each made frequent trips up to Middlebury throughout the winter to watch the men's hockey team progress toward its sixth NCAA championship. Together with your class secretary, they were not disappointed. It was a remarkable season. ✷ **David Cook** and wife Marcia, who still live in Concord, Mass., have six grandkids. David took early retirement from Lucent, but he's busy recording audio books, coaching baseball, and doing marketing for the PGA and Champions Golf Tours. About a year ago, he was a semifinalist for the Fenway Park PA announcers job, "which would have been a match made in baseball heaven." His consolation prize was announcing Tiger Woods at the Deutsche Bank event. Their son Mike teaches at the Antilles School in St. Thomas, where **Ted Morse** is the Dean. ✷ **Bruce Gunther** is president of Lone Star Porsche Club of Houston, where he also enjoys gardening, golf, travel, and water sports. Plans for spring included a Danube River cruise from Bucharest to Germany with an Exxon retiree group. ✷ As class agent, **Ann Gruhn** thanks all who contributed to this year's annual giving. ✷ Barbara and **Joe McLaughlin** are in Philadelphia; they have two sons and one daughter. Joe is the new assistant dean for external and governmental affairs at Temple University's College of Liberal Arts. He's also an associate at the Institute for Policy Research and Urban Affairs and an adjunct assistant professor in political science. He had been a senior adviser to Pennsylvania's Governor Ed Rendell. Prior to that he was a lobbyist for 19 years with S. R. Wojdak and Associates. ✷ **Tim Griggs** is living in Steamboat Springs, Colo., with wife Christine, two horses, dog, and cat. "I'm supporting our addiction to an active outdoor lifestyle by selling real estate with Mason and Morse Real Estate." ✷ It's hard to believe that our 40th Reunion is a year away. Please mark your calendar for the weekend of June 3-5, 2005. If you haven't been back in a while, we can promise that you will not be disappointed. Yes, the physical plant has changed; the cast of characters, to include a new president, will be different. But we think you'll find it a relaxing, inclusive weekend. So give it a try. We want to see you, gray (or no) hair and all!

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You may have seen the memorial for **David Rothschild** in the winter issue of this magazine. His wife, Linda, writes that David managed "an extraordinarily rich and happy life, while undergoing 10 years of treatments for colon cancer." Linda says that David's many Middlebury friends enriched his life and continue to enrich hers. I'm sure that David enriched the lives of those who knew him, as well, and we extend our condolences to Linda and their family. ✷ **Maggie Dunn** has been busy since 1993, when she completed her Ph.D. from Yale in theoretical linguistics. She's teaching English composition and applied English linguistics at Southern Connecticut State Univ. in New Haven. In 1998 she married William D. Stubbs, a retired historian, who is producing a small magazine about the lives and cultures of contemporary American Indians. They have, Maggie writes, "a small house and a large cat, and a good life overall." ✷ **Pam Williams Hettrick** recently returned from a missions conference in Budapest, Hungary, where representatives from Western and Eastern Europe, as well as Africa, India, and Thailand were in attendance. She's teaching ESL at Baltimore (Md.) City Community College. The students are in a Refugee Assistance Program, so they come from all parts of the globe. This spring she had students from Liberia, Cameroon, Congo, Eritrea, and Vietnam. Her geography classes with Professors Malmstrom and Illick have certainly been relevant in her travels and teaching assignments. She also does part-time work in her church with Orphans First, a group that sends aid to people working with street children and orphanages in destitute areas of the world. ✷ **Barrie Bell** reports that she's still living near Sonoita, Ariz., with "Perry Tribbey, three dogs, and two horses." Her area had been experiencing a drought period, but spring brought an amazing number of thunderstorms. ✷ Sports psychologist **Wayne Halliwell** of McGill Univ., has been consulting with hockey teams, teaching them how to think differently. Wayne's techniques, getting players conditioned to think like winners, were written up recently in the *Boston Herald.* ✷ **Donald Myers** reports that he and Sue and son Brendan "had a great Christmas week in Paris, visiting Sue's brother. It's astounding how much French has survived, despite my dismal student performance. We're still recovering from the loss of our eldest son to bone cancer; we do a lot of volunteer work with various cancer programs. I'm teaching geography as an adjunct at the local state university and community college. Keeps me busy and I'll do it until I'm told I can't. See you in '06."

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While you're taking your summer vacation, don't forget to send postcards and snapshots to share!

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Shari Galligan Johnson is still teaching at Merrimack Valley High School in the Concord area of New Hampshire—including a course on the 1960s. As the chair of the humanities department, she observes that one benefit is that she now gets complaints from both directions, instead of just one. ✷ **Sam Levin** reports all is well in the home appliance business, Blodgett Supply of South Burlington, Vt. He and wife Pat are slowly but surely getting their sons married off, with number two of three tying the knot during October of 2003! ✷ **Jeffrey Herre** reports that he "retired in March, after 31 years with the CIA (not cooking). Who says some people don't have stable careers?" Jeff

plans to work part time as an independent contractor at CIA, volunteer at the local hospital, and do more traveling, with a family reunion planned for June in Tuscany, Italy. ✷ Having served as VP for research for almost four years, **Chris D'Elia** has rejoined the faculty full time as prof. of biological sciences and public administration and policy. He's also heading a new Institute for Watershed Studies and coordinating the Northeast Regional Forensic Institute, with the New York State Police. While writing scholarly articles related to environment and environmental policy, he's also teaching marine biology and a wonderful interdisciplinary course about the Hudson River. Chris still loves being an academic and has no immediate plans to retire. In free time, "high variance golf is an interest, but is not an obsession. I flew small planes until recently, but found that I did not have enough time to devote to keeping proficient, so now I only fly in the right seat. I also like to travel and plan to go to the International Coral Reef Symposium in Okinawa in June." At this stage of life, family, friends, and work are important to Chris. And, he adds, "concern about aging parents is something I probably share with many others." ✷ As of February 27, **Magna Dodge** retired from Lehman Brothers, as chief administrative officer for the global communications and media groups in the investment banking division. Retirement brings the opportunity to "catch up on approximately six years of paperwork, during which time we sold and bought two houses, bought and sold one apartment, and moved to Hong Kong and back!" She has been taking courses at the New York Botanical Gardens, designing and installing a new perennial garden at their Vermont home, and putting exercise back in her life. She's also planning varied family activities, such as a trip to Chinatown (focusing on Chinese herbs and their uses); a Little Richard concert; a Dave Brubeck concert. Magna is making time a top priority, "time for myself, David, family, and friends. I think most everything else flows from having time, which is something I've never really had for the past 30-plus years." Magna and David '69 are "fairly regular attendees of Alumni College, so in late August we saw regular attendees **Linda Mason-Smith** and husband David Devine, **Kathy Mason Lindsey**, and **Conrad Ambrette**. My husband David and I and Kathy and Conrad took the Chinese cooking course. In January we all got together at our house in New York and had a dinner in honor of Chinese New Year. We were joined by **Tobi Gray Watson**, who is now living in NYC. This spring, we had dinner with **Al Lindsey** and wife Terry at our house in Vermont." ✷ **Al Lindsey** is still a small-animal veterinarian in a primary care facility in Bennington, Vt. "Terry and I enjoy the Vermont country lifestyle in our home of 15 years in Dorset, Vt. We have come to realize how fortunate we are to have health and family. We are very active in our community church because we feel that active churches, like active schools, make better communities and better awareness of the world around us. We just returned from a wonderful trip to Ireland—our first venture abroad and it was a great experience." ✷ **Peter Knobler**'s collaboration with Court TV anchor Rikki Klieman, *Fairy Tales Can Come True*, came out in paperback this spring. "I'm working with advertising executive Donny Deutsch on a book about his life, the advertising industry, and how to encourage people to do what you want them to do. Who wouldn't like to know how to do that? The most important part of my life, far and away, is my son, Daniel. He's 15 years old and a gifted guitar player, a rock&roll/jazz/funk/fusion zealot. I got extremely lucky; Daniel could be into Megadeath or some such stupid band, but no, his heroes are Hendrix (who, calling himself Jimmy James, played a KDR barn dance a couple of miles up route 125 in the spring of our sophomore year, two years before 'Are You Experienced?' was released), Stevie Ray Vaughan, Derek Trucks of the Allman Brothers, and Leo Nocentelli of the Meters. For years now I've made a point of taking Daniel with me to hear as much music as possible, particularly old blues and rock & roll guys who won't be around that much longer. There's nothing like sitting next to my boy and watching him soak up B.B. King, Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley for the first time. He was 11 years old and standing on the seat next to me watching Bob Dylan when he leaned over and kissed me on the cheek. About made me cry. I listen to music differently because of Daniel; he hears the music outside of social/political context. I hated Led Zep because 1) they shrieked and offered absolutely nothing new, and 2) they were posturing morons making tons of money while Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, and the entire community of struggling blues artists were playing pure, sincere, soulful music for peanuts. There was no justice. I couldn't abide Lynyrd Skynyrd because they flew the Confederate flag onstage. Daniel just hears the music. Ah, kids these days. I try to add context for him, and to his credit, he listens. Still likes Led Zep, though. Learned 'Stairway to Heaven' note for note just to piss me off. But I love him to death and, more than anything, I love to hear the music come pouring out of Daniel like sweat. Is there something I'd rather do than watch my son play? No. As for travel, I just got back from a family vacation trip to Austin, Texas. Wonderful place: college town, seat of government, great music scene, and fantastic barbecue. Saw the rodeo, which for a New Yorker was quite the exotic experience. Tough guys handling tough animals. I had a great time at our 35th Reunion. Danced with the young girls at their 25th. Was totally gassed to see **Dan Curry**. I've been in touch with **Ed Goldberg** pretty much since we graduated, but not too many other classmates. No doubt my loss. For a good time, call."

Scaling down, clearing clutter, and lightening up feels great at this stage of life. Susan Lebel Young '71

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On April 1 **Koichi Ishiyama** was promoted to a tenured full professor of Japanese-English and Journalism at Toin Univ. of Yokohama. As of March 2003, his coedited *Pocket Progressive English-Japanese/Japanese-English Dictionary*, published first in 1995 by Shogakukan Inc., became a million seller, posting an eight-year sales of 1.03 million copies. ✷ Peter and **Eleanor Motley Richardson** enjoyed a train trip around the country on a 30-day Amtrak pass last September. "We highly recommend it!" ✷ **Dave Brautigam** is the education coordinator at Phoenix Academy at Mountain View, "a unique, long-term residential rehab facility for teenage addicts from all over Vermont. I've been blessed with two great kids, August (19) and Noah (15), and an ongoing relationship of seven years with Missy Bongartz Ross '79, who is the town clerk in a neighboring town." ✷ **Kathie Bustin Sims** reports that daughter Katherine was graduating from Yale this spring and son Ian is a junior at Milton Academy. Husband Nathaniel is adding a second career, Angel Flight pilot, to that of anesthesiologist/biomedical engineer at Mass General Hospital. Kathie is now medical director of pediatric neurology at Mass General and associate prof. of neurology at Harvard Medical School. ✷ Judge **William Sessions** of the U.S. District Court in Vermont, received the Middlebury College Alumni Achievement Award on March 12. Bill was also on campus to deliver the Distinguished Alumni Award lecture, "The Separation of Powers Controversy: Congressional Restrictions on Judicial Discretion in Sentencing." Since his appointment by Bill Clinton in 1999, Bill has been serving on the U.S. Sentencing Commission, a judicial body that sets sentencing guidelines for judges across the nation. ✷ Living outside of Aspen, Colo., **Greg Lewis** has left the on-camera world to become VP of television for Magna Entertainment, a Canadian-based company that owns and operates thoroughbred race tracks (Santa Anita, Gulfstream, Pimlico) and other entertainment facilities. His work involves production for broadcast networks and cable. He also operates a start-up cable channel and oversees content and strategy development for 33 Web sites. Wife Deborah Bendl is a buyer and sales consultant in Aspen retail. Son Yale plays hockey for Division I Northeastern in Boston, where he was co-rookie of the year. Son Wyatt is completing his freshman year at Rollins College. Stepdaughter Kerstin will attend Rhode Island School of Design in the fall. Greg was sorry to miss reunion, but he was attending stepdaughter Kerstin's Holderness graduation that weekend. ✷ We hope the rest of you all made it to Middlebury for our 35th!

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After 20 years in Brattleboro, Vt., Fred and **Joyce Snyder Rappaport** have moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., where they are enjoying Low Country living, especially during the winter months. "Quite a change!" Fred is continuing his small business consulting, and Joyce has signed up for occasional substitute teaching. They had a wonderful surprise when **Barb Sullivan** (of Wilmington, N.C.) welcomed them to the coastal region with a copy of her recent book, *Garden Perennials for the Coastal South*. Last summer Joyce was in Rockport, Mass., to attend the wedding of **Beth Prasse Hassinger** and Rich Seeley. Several other Midd alumni were in attendance, including **Dick** and **Meg Floyd McCann** of Chapel Hill, N.C. Beth and Rich are fortunate to winter in Colorado ski country and spend the rest of the year by the ocean in Gloucester, Mass. ✷ **Gerry Rowland** is enjoying life in Iowa: "I married an Iowa girl and went native. I've been a librarian/

consultant here for 25 years. Outside work, I'm active in several conservation organizations. As coordinator for the Iowa Water Trail Association, I'm helping develop 3,000 miles of scenic river trails. ✳ **Bee Ottinger** taught a Midd J-term course this winter in video editing: "I am pleased to report that the students were just as courteous, hard-working, and fun as we were!" ✳ **Sally Stine Rockholt** and her husband retired and moved to Angels Camp, Calif., where they're building a house. "We are in the middle of the Mother Lode country with vineyards, ranches, and beautiful rolling hills and oak trees. I enjoy reading about alums, so thanks for keeping us all in contact." ✳ A full-time musician in Maine, **Rick Dostie** is organist/choirmaster at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Camden, plus director of the Penobscot Bay Singers in Belfast. He also plays in a jazz quartet at an Italian restaurant, works with jazz singers as arranger and accompanist, works as an accompanist at Colby College, and does a lot of musical arranging and transcribing. Rick says he has "never married, although I've come close a couple of times." A string of engagements kept him away from our 30th, but he might make the 35th. He sends all the best to the class. ✳ From San Luis Obispo, Calif., **May Coors** reports that son Kumar is a freshman at Cornell studying architecture, son Ashwin is a junior at Cate School in Carpinteria, and daughter Anu is going to Cate in the fall. Husband Sharad teaches architecture at Cal Poly. May is still swimming, works with a trainer on core strength, loves refereeing, and is fully certified by the American Youth Soccer Organization. She also enjoys reading books on tape for her dad who has macular degeneration. May reports seeing several Midd people in her area, including fellow San Luis Obispo residents Leland '58 and Valerie Brown Endres '58, Paul Denison '83 (teaches chemistry and coaches soccer at Cate), and Michael Mulligan '75 (headmaster at Thacher). She writes candidly: "I feel a real bond with people who go/went to Middlebury. In some ways, I wish I had it to do over again. Who knows? I may go back to school one of these days. After sticking my neck out about my mental health (or lack thereof!) in the yearbook for our 25th Reunion, I am still warmed by the memories of the sincere connections I made with so many classmates during that wonderful weekend. I wish I could say that I had found some miracle cure, but I have not. Interestingly enough, a few weeks ago I was diagnosed with Bipolar Affective Disorder (Manic Depressive Illness). I was actually diagnosed with a milder version of it about 15 years ago, but in light of my bipolar sister's then-recent suicide, I refused to accept the diagnosis. Now, so many years later, I am ready to face the music. I think being able to accept my situation will make my life way less frustrating. I am lucky to have a very insightful doctor, and hopefully the medication will keep me stable—assuming it will eventually take effect! All of my life I have been in denial. Until now, I have always been angry when I wasn't well and once I did feel better, I would assume that I was 'cured.' This led to a lot of disappointment and disillusionment. There is no cure. It's really a matter of managing whatever is up at any given time. It actually feels nice to be 'out of the closet,' so I don't have to try to hide behind my old illusions anymore. If anyone out there wants to connect about this, or anything else, e-mail me at sysuya@hotmail.com."
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Paula Morgan writes that she's "back in that 'single' saddle again. Yes, this is Paula 'Stick' Morgan, Post, Morgan-Post, Wyman, Welch and—*ta-da*—back to my Rapunzelesque maiden name! Still living in my little 1853 schoolhouse in W. Arlington, Vt. Have been working with the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association since I quit smoking several years ago; but I bet I'll somehow get reconnected to the fly-fishing venue at some point. It is my avocation! My current position has opened up the doors behind the scenes in Montpeculiar, as my associate is not only the exec. VP of the Association, but also lobbies for many of the energy issues in Vermont. I've had a glimpse under the rug up there, and it's a whole new tenor of politics for me! I am thoroughly enjoying the public-eye experience and hope my closet keeps shut tight! And I'm also taking deep breaths of the single life and am feeling free to indulge in myself a bit at long last. (Yes, somebody finally bought that gas station, Mary!) I look forward to hearing from anyone who comes within visiting distance. Just me and the dog (translation: extra bedroom!)." ✳ Jinx (**Jeanne Finn Krug**) is a breeder/trainer of Hanoverian (German) riding horses. **Glenn** is busy being an obstetrician/gynecologist in a solitary practice in Davenport, Iowa. Son Jarrod (25) enjoys working on cars; son Evan (21) is in clinical psychology at the Univ. of Iowa; daughter Aubrey (19) is in veterinary medicine at Western Ill. Univ. ✳ Living on E. 4th St. in NYC, **Ed Lord** is "still running the real estate investment business of Investcorp. Katharine (26) and Christopher (23) both graduated from Midd, but Charlotte (19) opted for Dartmouth and is thriving. I still travel a great deal to the Middle East, doing as much heli-skiing and bicycling as possible. Been vacationing in Italy, New Zealand, and Mexico. Called **Ken Bergstrom** recently in Vermont, out of the clear blue. No change there! Still charging on!" ✳ Living in Falmouth, Maine, **Sandra Neily** has been the executive director of the Maine Conservation School for three years. Sandy and husband John (director of L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery Schools) spend as much time as possible up on Moosehead Lake, where they've had a camp since 1980. Daughter Elizabeth, a high school senior, has been an EMT for two years and seems destined to be a doctor. Sandy recently hosted **Pete Quinn** and the entire high school basketball team he coaches. Last fall she hosted **Karen Lindsay Palmer** for a relaxing weekend. ✳ **Susan Lebel Young** reports that daughter Alisa graduated from Middlebury this winter. With both kids on their own, they sold their house in Portland, Maine, and built a smaller condo in Falmouth. "Scaling down, clearing clutter, and lightening up feels great at this stage of life. My professional life as psychotherapist and teacher/facilitator/consultant is slowing down a bit, too. Maine is full of classmates; I occasionally see **Peter Wood, Gary Higginbottom, Rob Whitten**, and **Natasha Kempers-Cullen**." ✳ Best wishes to **Susan Fritsch Faber** and R. William Hunter, who were married last August 17 at the Lighthouse Inn in West Dennis, Mass. Susan is editor of the *Town Times* in Watertown, Conn., while her husband chairs the English department at Hamden Hall Country Day School. ✳ The condolences of the class are extended to the family of **Richard Staehle**, who died on March 21 as a result of an automobile accident. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.
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Congratulations to **Ingrid Stanlis**, who is the recipient of a 2004 Athena Award, given to outstanding women for their professional excellence and community service, as well as being active in assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence. Ingrid is a partner in KPMG Peat Marwick in Rochester, N.Y. She serves on the boards of the Rochester Business Alliance, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Country Club of Rochester, and holds positions of leadership at St. Paul's Church. ✳ Give yourself a treat and check out **Cynthia Erb Price**'s hotel site: www.casaquetzalhotel.com. Cynthia bought a hotel recently in San Miguel de Allende, a picturesque city that has attracted an eclectic international community of artists, musicians, and writers. The oldest city in central Mexico, San Miguel de Allende was declared a national monument in 1926. Cynthia's artworks are featured throughout the very sumptuous spaces of her hotel.
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Christine Yano, associate prof. of anthropology at the Univ. of Hawaii-Honolulu, sent word of the publication of *Tears of Longing: Nostalgia and the Nation in Japanese Popular Song* (Harvard University Press, 2002), while she continues to work on another book about Japanese American beauty pageants. ✳ News of transitions continues to arrive. **Bruce Chapin** writes: "After taking an unexpected and enforced sabbatical for the last two years (read 'dumped in the tech slump'), I find myself once again in the odd position of working for a technology company in Kansas, as the CFO for a start-up, wireless broadband Internet provider with the admirable goal of providing broadband Internet access to rural areas in Kansas, Minnesota, Colorado, and Missouri. We have a whopping 48-person staff, most of which is spread out across Kansas and Minnesota. This means everyone does everything, including taking out the trash and occasionally vacuuming the floors. It is a wonderful mix of the silly and the serious—the serious including stretching non-existent cash, and trying to keep radio towers standing in a land known for its tornadoes. At home I watch children Guinevere (9), Iain (7), and Duncan (3) grow and stretch in the strong Kansas sun. I ended up here under odd circumstances, never expected to stay, but now find that I call this land of warm hearts home. However, mine is a restless life; who knows where I will end up." ✳ Living in both Boston and Chatham, Cape Cod, Sharon and **Tom Shea** enjoy traveling and skiing. Son Michael was graduating from Wheaton College this May; daughter Lauren completes her freshman year at Fisher College. Retiring in March, after 13 years as a partner and senior practice leader with Ernst and Young, Tom was moving on in May to become managing director of the New England practice of Pearl Meyer & Partners, a leading executive and board of directors compensation consulting "boutique." The smaller firm environment should provide more life balance and time for more direct client work. As practice leadership in professional services has aptly been analogized to "herding cats," leading two to three dozen professionals vs. 200 will be a welcome change. To celebrate their 25th anniversary in October, the Sheas plan to visit the Caribbean, Ireland, and Italy. ✳ **Robert Shaw**, one of the country's leading authorities on

the history, cultural importance, and artistry of the quilt, has been named executive director of the Alliance for American Quilts. Bob is a curator and art historian who has written and lectured extensively on quilts and other American folk arts. He was curator at the Shelburne Museum from 1981 to 1994 and served as consulting curator of special exhibits for Quilts, Inc., in Houston from 1998 until his present appointment. ✳ **Ken Seward** is the new headmaster at the Steward School in Richmond, Va. He had been head of school at the Roeper School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. ✳ Your secretary recently received word of some good news. My play, *The Miss*, was selected as a semi-finalist for Edward Albee's Last Frontier Theatre Conference in Valdez, Alaska, in June. Another play, *Fooling the Eye*, was scheduled to premiere at the Producer's Club in NYC, June 1-6.
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Sandy Meldrum was in Middlebury for a few days in early March. Hosted by the Rohatyn Center for International Studies, he spoke to a couple of classes, met with students interested in journalism, met with some of the African students on campus, and gave a fascinating public talk on Zimbabwe's struggle for democracy and his experiences there over a 23-year period. He also managed to connect with a number of classmates during his brief stay. Since I (Barry) spoke with most of them, I can fill you in a bit on their news. ✳ Middlebury lawyer **Andy Jackson** was just back from a trip to El Salvador with his kids. Surfing seemed like a great way to spend February vacation and they found some good places to do it. ✳ **Mary Lee-Clark** is looking forward to a well-deserved sabbatical from her work as pastor of Second Congregational Church in Bennington, her first sabbatical in 25 years of ordained ministry. In addition to piles of books to read and a number of retreats and conferences, she'll be attending daughter Meredith's graduation from Vassar College and coming to our reunion. ✳ **Susie Coburn Humphrey** works at the Vermont Book Shop in Middlebury and also at the Weybridge School. On the day of Sandy's Middlebury talk, she brought pictures to prove that she and **Gregg** are the proud grandparents of a new grandson. ✳ **Chris Granstrom** is still very excited about his wine grapevine nursery business; he's had a lot of interest from vineyards in the Northeast and the Midwest. He's also making some wine himself, although I have yet to taste it. (Ahem, Chris.) Due to teaching duties, **Michaela Pontoppidan Granstrom** couldn't get to Sandy's talk. Older daughter Sarah Granstrom is finishing up her freshman year at Middlebury. ✳ **Alison Parker** was just back from a trip to New Zealand. A family nurse practitioner, she works at the College's Parton Health Center, as well as at the Vergennes Family Health Center. ✳ **Chris Fraioli** was just back from traveling in Mexico, taking a vacation from her job as the exhibitions consultant and paper conservator at the Middlebury College Museum of Art. ✳ **Tim Etchells** is another College employee; he's an editor in the communications office, working mostly on the Web site. Although he no longer works for *Ski Racing*, his interest in the sport is still strong. He and I watched much of the ski racing of Winter Carnival together. (Middlebury won! First time ever!) ✳ I didn't get to see photographer Rick Bamberry '75, who was on his way from his home in Massachusetts to do a shoot in Burlington. He and Sandy got together the night before Sandy had to leave. This was Sandy's first trip back to Middlebury since graduation, so I'm glad there were so many friends around. ✳ Warren and I had a great winter and participated in the Canadian Ski Marathon, one of the highlights of our year. We were tapping our sugar maples the day Sandy was here and as of April 1 we had made five gallons of syrup. ✳ In other news, **Eugene Pomeroy** has surfaced, at least temporarily, for the first time since graduation. Like Sandy Meldrum, Eugene has been in Zimbabwe, but at that time it was still Rhodesia and he was in the Army's special Air Service Regiment, trying to "hit" Robert Mugabe, who became president upon independence in 1980. Eugene characterizes his 30 years since Middlebury as "long periods of boredom punctuated by frantic activity." He was in Soviet Afghanistan as a freelance photographer, joined the National Guard in the late '80s, served as the Guard's public affairs photographer at Ground Zero in September 2001. He went to Iraq as a National Guard public affairs sergeant and accompanied *New York Times* embedded reporter Judith Miller on her "personal quest to find Saddam's hidden trove of WMD, keeping the readers of the *Times* and viewers of CNN on the edge of their seats with her incisive reporting." He returned to Iraq last September as a security contractor in the Iraq Currency Exchange program and was based in Basra. He writes: "The Shia of southern Iraq are generally well-disposed towards the Coalition forces and everywhere we went, with few exceptions, we were warmly received. Having said that, I'm sure that by the end of the operation, the locals were as fed up with us as we were with being there. Iraq is a sad country and while we went there to find bombs, poison, and Islamic extremists, none of which were there, getting rid of Saddam Hussein was perhaps the greatest gift we could have given the Iraqi people." Eugene has a one-year-old son living in Oregon, "my finest achievement to date," and when he isn't traveling the world, Eugene lives in Chatham, N.Y., and can be reached at epjp72@ yahoo.com. ✳ We hope the rest of you made it to Middlebury. Greg and I looked forward to seeing you there.
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The Rev. **Richard Leavitt** recently became the new senior pastor and teacher at the Congregational Church of Amherst. He had served at Grace Congregational United Church of Christ in Framingham since 1996. He has also served churches in Boxborough, Mass., and Binghamton, N.Y. Dick and wife Deborah Adams Leavitt '77 have two sons, Timothy '06 and Andrew. ✳ **Mary Ann Gustafson King** recently became president of Moran & Company, a national apartment investment and brokerage firm. She runs the West Coast business from her office in Orange County, Calif. She'd love to hear from classmates in southern California. ✳ **Richard Vogel** has been appointed senior VP and general manager of Immersion Medical in Gaithersburg, Md. Immersion Medical is a wholly owned subsidiary of Immersion Corp., a leading developer and licensor of touch-feedback technology. ✳ **Kevin Donahue** represented Middlebury at the inauguration of Fitchburg State College's new president recently. ✳ We regret to report the death of **J. Morgan Koppel** on January 1. A memorial appeared in the spring issue.
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Secretary Holmes reports: It has been reported that several of our classmates recently turned 50. How did THAT happen! Fortunately, there's still a little life left in some of us. At a time when so many '76ers have kids already out of college, **Rachel Bulbulian** has just become a new mom: "My hands are full with a little adopted cutie pie I just brought home from Armenia. I went over to Armenia on February 29 and returned with Ani Sara on March 17. She is nine months old and just adorable, interactive, healthy, and all that good stuff. I feel so lucky." When not changing diapers, Rachel is a psychotherapist in private practice and on the faculty of the Psychoanalytic Institute of New England, East, in Boston. Messages of congratulation can be sent to rachelbulbulian@hotmail.com. ✳ Our Winter Carnival King, **Gene O'Neill**, practices law in Manhattan ("wills, surrogate's court litigation; commercial litigation; transactional work"), commuting each day from Long Island. Wife Jeanne is a school nurse; their son is a student at Fairfield Univ. Gene reports: "Recently I had the pleasure of doing some work for my high school and Midd chum, Tom Meagher '77. After Middlebury, I took a year off, proofreading, then went to law school with **Tina Geiser** at Brooklyn Law School, and then spent four years as a JAG in San Diego. Can you imagine someone addressing me as Lieutenant O'Neill? Carnival Kings do not admirals make. Returning to New York, I began my practice and moved to Long Island, where I have a nice plastic white fence, trees, and a deck. Weekends during the spring and fall, I ref soccer. Got a beard, no hair, still cute when I smile, and charming with a glass of cabernet." ✳ Back in late 1998, **Scott Pitz** moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., from Medfield, Mass., to take a job with Mellon Equity Associates as a portfolio manager. "Imagine me (major in poli sci, minor in history) working as a quant manager with one of the oldest quant shops in the U.S. Still married to my wife of 20 years, Marjorie. As I always knew, it is my fate, beloved that it is, to live in a house full of women. I have three beautiful daughters, Alex (13), Eva (12), and Sammi (9), each of them like a new facet of my soul revealed. The greatest pleasures in my life these days are skiing with my family, playing paddle tennis, bike riding, and connecting with people. Just finished the 'hardest job you'll ever love,' senior warden of Fox Chapel Episcopal Church, and am now searching for my next way to contribute. Hope you are all well. Yo, **Rick Goldstein**, are you out there? Peace!" ✳ Portland, Maine, attorney **Chris Ryer** is living in Cumberland with wife Mary and three daughters. He gets to enjoy the pleasures of Parents Weekend now from the other side, since daughter Elizabeth is a student at Middlebury. "Like her old man, until he read the tea leaves, she is a premed. She's having a great time at the alma mater, but is quick to acknowledge the academic challenge." ✳ In Laurel, Md., **Ron Luman** has been appointed head of the joint warfare analysis department at Johns Hopkins Univ. Applied Physics Laboratory. Prior to joining the joint warfare analysis department in 2000, he was in the strategic systems department for 21 years. He served a field assignment as the strategic missile sys-

The Activist

Stricken with leukemia, Peter Olsen '75 seeks to raise awareness for a procedure that could save countless lives—including his own.

BY MARK PATINKIN '74,
The Providence Journal

I WANTED TO ASK WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FIGHT THIS DISEASE, but **PETER OLSEN '75** had something he wanted to show me first.

He and his family live in the woods of South Kingstown, Rhode Island. We walked from the main house to a two-story garage he built himself.

"I thought you were a lawyer," I said.

He is. General practice in nearby Wickford. But carpentry's his love, and the garage a big workshop.

"That's a 20-inch bandsaw with a 5-horse motor," said Olsen. "That's a commercial drill press."

The garage itself isn't quite finished. It still needs things like insulation.

"It's one of the things I want to get done," said Olsen, "in case I go."

He's been unable to work on it lately. If he cut himself, there would be bleeding problems. Olsen has had bloody noses that forced him to go to the hospital. Leukemia is like that.

He was diagnosed last January. He is 50 years old with a wife and three teenage kids.

We walked to the main house. He's had an interesting career, starting as a public defender, but he'd rather tell me about the kitchen cabinets he built.

"Just so you get a sense of who I am," he explained.

Much of his time is organized around fighting the illness. He spends a few days a week in Providence getting blood transfusions at Miriam Hospital. Often, it's a full eight-hour day. The leukemia has compromised his marrow, so Olsen has to keep getting new blood, and occasionally, platelets, which help restore the body's clotting ability.

The good side, he said, is that he has finally learned to work a computer. He'd resisted that before. Now, he brings a laptop to Miriam and does correspondence while he waits.

I asked about his prospects.

"It's a strange disease," said Olsen. "There's not much pain, but the mental side of it is hard, because you don't know where you are." The doctors tell Olsen he could go on like this for years, or things could turn suddenly worse.

The best answer would be a bone marrow transplant.

Can he get one?

That, he said, is the reason he wanted to talk.

Olsen's disease is called acute myelogenous leukemia. He was told he had it on January 4. He'd been unusually exhausted on a family vacation, and felt he should get checked.

Three days later, they began chemotherapy. He had to stay in the hospital for six straight weeks. The chemo was designed to destroy the cancer cells in Olsen's marrow, but it destroyed good cells, too, wiping out his immunity.

The next step was going to be a bone marrow transplant. He was told it had risks.

"What I've heard," Olsen said, "is survival after five years is 42 percent. That's better than Foxwoods [Casino], but still tough."

Nevertheless, it was an easy choice. A transplant was his best chance. Even after no siblings or relatives matched, Olsen was confident of finding one since 85 percent of Caucasian patients are able to find a match in the bone marrow registry.

Last month, he was called by Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, where the transplant would have been done—250 are performed there every year. They told Olsen they were unable to find a match.

"I just kind of sat for a while," he said. "To be honest with you, my knees were kind of weak. It sent me into a few days of significant depression." Olsen describes his lineage as that of a standard "European mutt" and can only guess one of his ancestors made him an unusual tissue-type for a marrow match.

So where is he now?

The odds, he said, are much worse. Doctors have told him that only 20 percent beat the disease with chemotherapy alone.

He asked if I could put in my column a request for people to become part of the registry. He said it only involves donating blood, unless you are found to be a match, at which point marrow is withdrawn from the hip.

He has helped organize a marrow donor drive himself, and counts 350 new donors that have stepped up in his name. Doreen Travers, head of the state's marrow donor program, says that's about a third of the amount of new local names they usually add in a year. "We've nicknamed him Hurricane Olsen," she said.

He is aware there is little chance his efforts will yield a match for himself. It would be like winning the lottery, he said. But he hopes it'll work for someone else with leukemia.

"Maybe I can repay what I've taken," he said, mindful of all the blood he's received.

Ten years ago, said Olsen, there were only about 10,000 names in the registry. Now, there are about 8 million. That's why the chances of a match are up to 85 percent. A lot of the reason, he said, is that people like him have pushed for more donors. Leukemia, he said, tends to turn you into an activist.

I asked how his kids are doing.

"Pretty good," said Olsen. "I look okay. I'm still the cranky old dad."

Lately, he's been spending a lot of time driving his kids here and there. "Now that dad's home," Olsen explained, "he's a built-in taxi service."

I asked what he planned to do the rest of the day.

See a friend for lunch, he said. Maybe walk on the beach. Work on his donor efforts.

He planned to spend time in his workshop, too, thinking about all the things he'd like to build.

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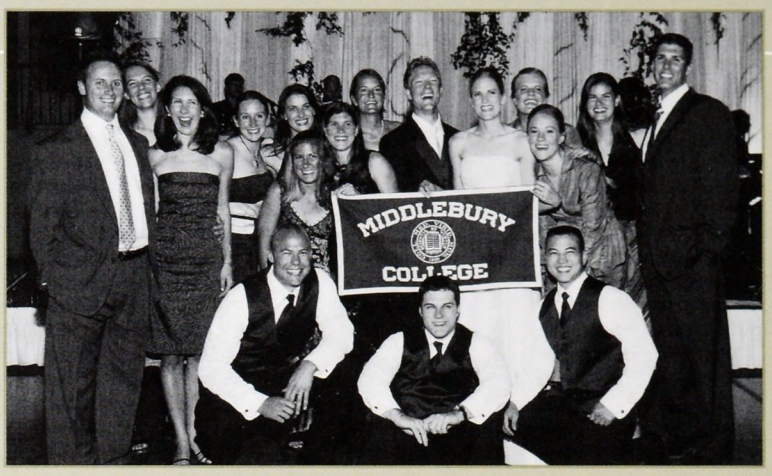
WEDDINGS



The October 18, 2003, wedding of S. Kelly Box '00 and John Couch '99 took place in Denver, Colo. Midd friends joining the celebration included (front) Scott Dudley '99, Matt Bak '99, Andy Tse '98, (standing) Forrest Westin '99, Liz Gray '98, Lindsay Ritter '99, Jennifer Condon '99, Noelle Kvasnosk '00, Jess Blake '99, Angenie McCleary '99, Maria Banman '00, the newlyweds, Helen Gemmill '00, Katharine Lord '00, Lizzy Lokey '00, and Matt Saxton '99.

Married in Skaneateles, N.Y., on July 5, 2003, Stacy Metcalf '94 and David Kanter celebrated with Midd friends (all '94 except as noted) Lesley Tomion, Lauren Singer Waite '74, Lauren Frohlich Cooper, Linda Carson Lavery '61, the newlyweds, Jenifer Foss Smyth, Jennifer St. Clair Waddell, Matt Waddell '95, Sarah Johnson, and Steve Reale.

The August 31, 2003, marriage of Sarah Abbe and Jim Taylor '81 took place in her father's vineyard in Sonoma County, Calif. Both avid triathletes, Jim and Sarah met during their first open-water swim in chilly San Francisco Bay in 2002.

Singing the Middlebury Fight Song seemed the right thing to do following the marriage of Jennifer Walton '98 and Kevin Burke '96 on June 14, 2003. Breaking into song in Prouts Neck, Maine, were (all '96 unless noted) (front) Weezie Smith, Caroline Portny '98, Catherine Watson Schwartz, Vanessa Hynes '98, Erika Crane-Stern '98, Jamie Houghtlin, Molly Lukins Burke '97, (middle row) Sarah Kramer, Courtney Slautterback, Al Dessouky, Jon Barlow, the newlyweds, Heidi Wiemeyer '98, (back) Steve Boyd, Ethan Beck, Carter Blackwell, Konrad Schwarz '98, Bain Smith, Billy Coster, Nick Whitman '97, Will Hovey '91, Sam Martini, Billy Dyer, Zack Free, and Brian Burke '97. Cara O'Reilly '98 and Laurie Higginbotham '97 missed the photo.

When Marika Allanson '98 and Eric Krull were married on August 2, 2003, the Middlebury gathering in Stowe, Vt., included Alexa Gilbert '00, Susie Rankin Weber (M.A. English '03), Emily Rinkema (M.A. English '03), the newlyweds, Kathryn Adams Allanson '73 (mother of the bride), Aubrey Cattell '98, Emily Lyons '98, and Annie Reis Cowan '98. The bride's late father, Robert Allanson, was a member of the Class of '72.

Betsey Traver '95 and George Linge were married in New London, N.H., on June 28, 2003. Midd friends at their New London Historical Society reception included ('95 unless noted) (front) Val Stori '98, Jay Staunton '93, (standing) Lisa Polizzi Molloy, Nicole Kassissieh, Jon Herman, Morgan Gaspar, Joanne Finch Tulonen (M.A. English '88), the newlyweds, Lauren Johnson Pricer, Adrienne Downie Fournier, and Denise Kmetzo.

Following the September 27, 2003, Mead Chapel wedding of Torri Ross '98 and David Riedel '98, festivities continued at the Bread Loaf Inn with (all '98 unless noted) Linda Ross (mother of the bride), Keith Arnold '95, Megan Sowards, Becca Perron, the newlyweds, Sarah Peterson, Kathy Jones Monk '79, Elizabeth Monk '05, John Monk '78, Chaplain Laurel Macaulay Jordan '79, Augustus Jordan (psychology dept.), (back row) Libby Erwin Lauze, Mike Lauze, Craig Breen '00, Amy Johnson Koehler, Mike Koehler, and Scott Cacciola '99.

Elizabeth Abate and Greg Mascolo '97 were married in the bride's hometown of Rockford, Ill., on August 9, 2003. Celebrating with them were '97s (front) Andrew Ritter, Lilia Gerberg, the newlyweds, Elizabeth Gorgan, Alan Paul, (back) Carly Vynne, Sarah Moran D'Agostino, La Wagner, Renee Kuriyan, Andrew Smith, Jay Tandem, Heather Stouffer, Ryan D'Agostino, Matt Baker, Zac Stillerman, Jen Burrell, Kate Mahar, Emily Gleason, Justin Racz, Vanessa Tribastone, and Craig Stouffer.

The Middlebury gathering following the September 20, 2003, wedding of Sarah Tuff '95 and Carlton Dunn in Jamestown, R.I., included fellow 1995 and Feb '96 Midds (front) Danielle Taylor, Victoria Grand, Kirtley Horton Cameron, the newlyweds, Perky Hubner, (standing) Tom Kuchler, Jenni Johnson, Erin Sullivan, Roberta Torrens, Seth Cameron, Ashley Nill Honerkamp, Kim Diamond Wittig, Trey Martin, Anne Walker, and John Beveridge.

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Karen Boyden '90 and Mark Mendes were married in Williston, Vt., on August 19, 2000. Celebrating with them were (all '90 unless noted) Jeneva Burroughs Stone '86, Paul Hauf, Amy Carmola Hauf, Jen Kelley, Caitlin McCarthy, Gregg Beloff, Liz Cady, Diane Peterson Seaborn, Alison Bramley Miller, Frank Olney '60, Leah Mital-Skiff '95, Rob Skiff, and Justin Ayers '92.

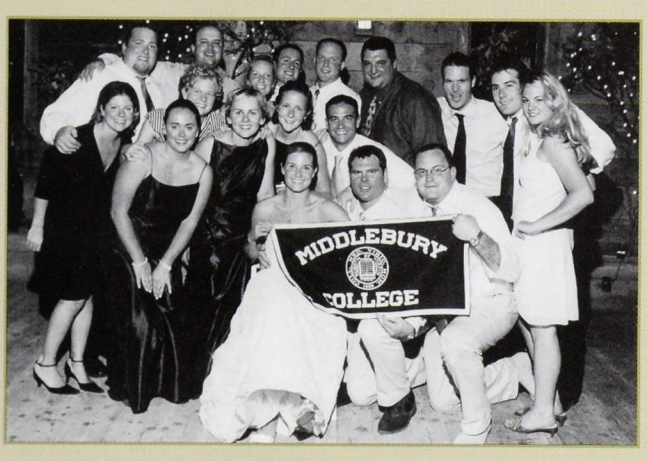
Michelle Morton '01 and Jared Baird '00 were married in a Buddhist ceremony at 5 P.M. twilight, on the winter solstice, December 21, 2003, at the Keystone Ranch in Keystone, Colo. Midd friends with them included (kneeling) Vinita Goswami '02, Josh Otlin '00, Rachel Otlin (honorary '00), (center, standing) Rosemary Nash '01, the newlyweds, (back row) Celeste Gauthier '01, Darren Case '01, Blaise Holly '01, Alex Nelson '00, Ryan Case '00, Jose Zevallos '00, Amanda Ayres '00, Dave Philipps '00, Nic Tuff '99, Evan Stevens '00, Tim Sullivan '00, Erin Burns '00, Rob Lang '00, Michael Hoyer '01, and Sam Swisher-McClure '00.

The June 28, 2003, wedding of Helen Froelich '97 and J. Raymond Plummer took place in Edgartown, Mass., where they celebrated with (all '97 unless noted) (front) Alex Finkelstein, Eric Nadzo, Ian McConnel, Scott Pokrywa '96, Henry Simonds, (back) Catherine Mitchell, Liz Morgan, Liz Dubin '98, the newlyweds, Emily Israel '00, Kate Pinto '98, Celena Kingson, Amy C. Smith, Alison Penzine O'Donnell, and Leslie Graham.

Festivities following the June 21, 2003, marriage of Kelly Watson '92 and Stephen Holley brought several Middlebury friends to Elk Ridge Ranch, outside of Breckenridge, Colo.: ('92 unless notes) Jules Reinhart Elkins, Katherine Beal, Susan Scheer Ward, Lyle Gray, the newlyweds, Jenny Fisher '96, JJ Gilmartin, and Troy Haynie '89.

Caroline Griffith '97 and Stephen Hobbs '97 were married on June 28, 2003, at the Adirondack League Club in Old Forge, N.Y. Celebrating with them were (front) Dylan Boyd '96, Ian McCray '95, Laura Wright McCray '97, the newlyweds, Lara Wagner '97, Stephen Engle '95, (back) Jenny Ward '97, Grant Dewey '84, Jed Harris '99, Amy Flanders Harris '97, Emma Ansara '96, J. Bryan Wentzell '96, Peter Johnson '97, and Danika Johnson '98.

Gathering in Waitsfield, Vt., for the July 19, 2003, wedding of Jenny Richards and Jamie Damon '97 were Peter Nilsson '99, Nat Damon (M.A. English '00), Sarah Rebick '97, Rian Alfiero '97, the newlyweds, Sebastien Bilodeau '97, Melissa Stewart Bilodeau '99, Tracy Perry '60, and Chris West '81.



Following their September 13, 2003, marriage in Mead Chapel, Laura Todd '99 and Brad Hotchkiss '99 celebrated at Mary's at Baldwin Creek with (all '99 unless noted) Chris Vaughan '98 (holding banner), (standing) Jessica Grillo '00, Emily Reinertsen, Amy Kinner, Joanna Wolkowski, Kelly McCarthy Bever, Chris Stoebenau, (back) James Rudolf '01, Michael Creedon, Katherine Rodormer Creedon '00, Peter Bever '96, Mark Edgarton, Jason Clark, Josh Bonifas '98, Josh Harmon, and Aubrey McGovern '04.

Amy DiAdamo '97 and Franklin Foster '98 were married on September 27, 2003, at the Round Barn Inn in Waitsfield, Vt. Joining the celebration were Seth Cameron '95, Kirtley Horton Cameron '95, the newlyweds, Meggan Haarmann '98, Molly Lukins Burke '97, Weezie Smith '97, Alex Finkelstein '97, Heather Clark '89, Lisa Amick DiAdamo '00, (standing) Carolyn Bruce '00, PJ Smith '98, Tim Gillespie '98, Jason Vintiadis '99, Brandon Doyle '98, Jamie Cowperthwait '97, Matt Rudnick '97, Keith Liljegren '97, Dort Cameron '67, Molly Kroon '98, Charles Seilheimer '98, Betsy Connors Cameron '67, Tyler Lifton '98, Ben Newman '99, Emily Bracken '98, Amity Wall '99, Than'l Badder '98, Brandon Mollett '98, Maggie Bittinger Liljegren '97, Whit Parks '97, Caleb Clark '98, Bart Plank '96, Jaques Clough '99, Shannon Reilly '97, Heidi Howard '99, Hayden Baker '98, Brian Burke '97, Laine Catlin '97, John Baker '55, Jon McCall '97, Christine McCann Hamner '97, Sara Vintiadis McCall '97, Adam Duarte '97, Kate Oates '97, Laurie Higginbotham '97, Nick Wilkoff '97, Jocelyn Nill '97, Craig Beni '96, Becky Cowgill Wilkoff '97, William DiAdamo '87, coach Mary Ellen Claffey McLaughlin, and coach Missy Foote. Missing the photo: Dates Fryberger '97, Lauren Brown Fryberger '98, Eric Hoffman '98, Torrey Hinman Plank '96, Alice McKown '95, Slavko Andrejevic '98, and Megan Shattuck '96.

Sarah Merrill '96 and Kevin Staples '96 were married on Sebago Lake, in Maine, on October 19, 2003. Celebrating with them was a happy hoard of Midd alums (all '96 unless noted): (front) Allison Miller Rimland, Andrew Ritter '97, the bride and groom, Kristen Haviland, Ilse Guck Bickford, (back) Matthew Leidecker, Lilia Gerberg '97, Katherine Mahar '97, Angela Goldman Klingler (holding Lilia Klingler), Lance Klingler '95, Lindsay Lutton Sterling (holding Elli Sterling), John Sterling, Eliza Spang, Cullen Meade, Cori Pierce, Anne Bruce Driscoll, Pamela Selover, and Susan Van Buren. Devin Green '04 and Amanda Green '04 missed the photo.

tems technical adviser in Hawaii for two years and as chief analyst for the Joint Countermine Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration for four years with the Office of Naval Research in Arlington, Va. * A story in the March 3 *Valley News* reports the successes of ski jumper Erik Fulton, son of our own ski jumper **Tom Fulton**. Like father like son, both Tom (in 1972) and Erik (in 2004) have won the New Hampshire high school ski jumping title, both while skiing for Hanover High.

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Susan Gustafson-Byrne achieved National Teacher Certification in World Languages other than English (German) in 2003. She has been teaching German at North Country Union High School in Newport, Vt., for 25 years. * **Beth Baldwin** writes: "After 20 years in corporate America (and U.K. and Spain), I have decided to try self-employment in marketing research. I find it more lucrative, more flexible, and more compatible with the program I am pursuing toward licensure in mental health counseling. I am thinking of specializing in CEOs, with the hope that mental wellness might be 'leveraged across the enterprise.' Would love to know what you think: bb77mer@aol.com. * **David Alan Grier** came up to campus from D.C. to do a seminar for Midd's math department on March 9. David is prof. of computer science and international affairs at George Washington Univ. In his seminar, "When Computers were Human," he spoke of the second class of people, called "human computers," who have supported scientific research throughout history. * **Ed Young** reports from Phoenix: "I'm holding my own here. I'm on leave of absence from work to give me more time to get better. It seems to be working." * *Going to Bend,* the first novel by **Diane Coplin Hammond**, will be followed by a second, *Homesick Creek,* to be released in January 2005. *Bend* is getting good reviews, while Diane is meeting her readers at large bookstores across Oregon and Washington State. Her work on the novel was interrupted for several years by the arrival of Keiko, the orca who appeared on the Oregon coast in 1995. In response to the whale's arrival, her public relations job for the Oregon Coast Aquarium began to change until she ended up being Keiko's spokesperson and press secretary. She even met husband Nolan through Keiko; he was the Free Willy Keiko Foundation director of marine-mammal rehabilitation.

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Secretary Noble reports: Congratulations to the expanded Fuller family! Maine, resident **Marti Mayne** returned from Guangzhou in February with a second daughter adopted from China. Her name is Kim Han Fuller, her age is two, and her four-year-old *jie jie* ("older sister" in Chinese) has welcomed her with open arms. Marti and family are also enjoying get-togethers with NYC transplant **Anne Groton**, who has moved to Yarmouth, Maine, with her family. * **Dyann Delvecchio** has been traversing between Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Puerto Rico on an "off the beaten path" trip. While continuing to practice law in Boston, she's daydreaming about establishing a beachhead for future frolics, perhaps in Guanica, home to the "eerily beautiful desert-by-the-sea" and to many rare bird species, which she continues to enjoy. * **Pamela Tanner Boll** was the co-executive producer of *Born Into Brothels*, shown at the Sundance Film Festival and dubbed by *Variety* as "an engaging documentary about a British photographer who endeavors to help the children of Calcutta prostitutes by teaching them how to use a camera." She also recently had an exhibit of her paintings at the Winchester Public Library. Pamela and husband Hunter '77 continue their active involvement in many philanthropic ventures. * **Bob** and **Alison Betts DeWitt** see *many* alums at Deerfield Academy events, including **Pam Sperry Findlay** and **John Whitton**. Zach and Andy DeWitt are both Deerfield students. Alison and Bob ran into **Bruce Johnson** and wife Terri during a Caribbean vacation, and "shared many laughs and rum drinks together." Alison notes that she and Bob had a wonderful time at reunion and remain impressed with the great tenure of President McCardell. * From Georgia, **Linda Dozier Jones** writes that she and husband Tom are healthy, happy, and getting ready to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in August. * **Phyllis Wendell Mackey** will never report this, so I (Anne) will: Living in New Hampshire, Phyllis did not have to rely on CNN or CBS for news of the presidential candidates. Instead, the candidates showed up on her doorstep. No matter *whom* you support, *please vote this fall.* * In gorgeous Sausalito, Calif., **Jim Stolley** enjoyed a visit early this spring from Midd roommate **Chip Callaghan**. Supervising 40 attorneys in San Francisco, Jim continues to help keep us all safe as Deputy Chief Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration, and Customs Enforcement. Jim stays in touch with **Dyann Delvecchio, Gregor Kammerer, Tom Wolf, Chris Christopher, Diana Munger Hechler, Clare Pierson**, and **Bern Terry**. Jim loved reconnecting at reunion with **Adrian Benepe**, who graced the cover of this magazine last summer. * After Boston, Moscow, Prague, and London, **David Ayres** is practicing law in Munich, where, he notes, the Germans "seem to find America and Americans increasingly mystifying." Of all these enchanting cities, he loved Prague best and hopes to return. Dave's still with Hale and Dorr, the Boston firm he started with in 1981. * Col. **John Sowdon** is serving as deputy director of intelligence for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe. His oldest son recently made Eagle Scout. * **Bill Harris** has been appointed chair of the board of Isochron Data Corp. Previously, he worked with PayPal Inc. and Intuit Inc. * **Steve Strong** was sorry to miss our 25th Reunion and sends greetings to all those he missed seeing. * In January 2004, **Bob Carolla** was appointed to the steering committee for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center Against Discrimination and Stigma, as part of President Bush's New Freedom Initiative on Mental Health. * When you're back in Middlebury, be sure to drop in at the Blue Hen Market on College Street. You'll be sure to find Beth and **Peter Ross** serving up full breakfasts, brick-oven pizza, and lots of comfort food. The Rosses and another couple bought the business, formerly known as Baba's Market and Deli, in February. * **Ken Gart** recently joined the board of trustees of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Foundation. Since 1982, Ken has been president of Specialty Sports, Inc., operating over 100 specialty ski and outdoor shops, primarily in Colorado. * **Carey Field** reports that she "finally finished a major home renovation and am getting my life back in order! I am coauthoring an interior design book with an interior designer in Westport, Conn., and getting ready for Cadeaux, a semi-annual accessories and gift show that I organize in Wilton, with over 20 designers selling their work. My kids are now skiing faster than me, but I'm not slowing down. Life is good!" * Watch for Carey's book, and also read the phenomenal first book by Sarah Erdman '96, *Nine Hills to Nambonkaha*, about her two-year Peace Corps stint in the Ivory Coast. Simply breathtaking. * Everyone enjoys class notes, so please send yours!

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2004 Alumni and Parent Events at Middlebury

August 10, Vermont Expos Baseball with President Liebowitz

September 1–5, Alumni College

September 10–11, Gordon C. Perine '49 Alumni Golf Tournament

September 17–19, Alumni Leadership Conference and the Annual Meeting of the Middlebury College Alumni Association

October 1–3, Fall Family Weekend I

October 8–10, Inauguration Weekend: Presidential Inauguration, Library Dedication, Homecoming, Men's Soccer 50th Reunion

October 22–24, Fall Family Weekend II

November 12–13, Hillel Jubilee Reunion Weekend

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Andrew Woolford recently became a managing director and cohead of the private placement group in the high yield department at Jefferies & Co. Based in the firm's Stamford, Conn., office, Andy was formerly a managing director in the private finance group of CIBC World Markets. Andy and Melissa Lynch Woolford '82 live in South Norwalk with children Eliza, Alex, Colin, and Alden. ✳ **Carol Youngs Reed** has been teaching French (grades 1-8) at Lake Champlain Waldorf School in Shelburne, Vt., since 1996. She lives in Leicester, Vt., with husband Richard. Her stepchildren are Julia (20) and John (17). Daughter Sonia is a UVM junior in music education; son Louis is a cook in Burlington. Carol is active in theater, still dancing ballet with Patty Smith, and singing Quebecois/French traditional music with a group called Va-et-vient. ✳ **Robin Yurkevicz**'s son, Matthew Restuccia, attends YMCA Camp Belknap each summer on Lake Winnnipesaukee. Matt reports that "bathrooms at Camp Belknap are known as 'scolleges,' for some unknown reason. My son gleefully showed me the Cadet division 'scollege' adorned with a blue Middlebury College banner under the eaves, altered to 'Middlebury Scollege.' One of my son's favorite counselors is a freshman at Midd this year and, according to Matt, the College should feel lucky to have him." ✳ **Lisa Salyard Brussell** loves living in Boulder, Colo., with son Alex (8), daughter Sophie (6), and husband Benjamin, who works in mergers and acquisitions. "I run my recruiting firm while the kids are at school. Skiing, hiking, swimming socer, etc., fill in the rest." ✳ Congratulations and best wishes to **Susan Parker Boal** (formerly Huffman) and Charles Mirabile, who were married on February 7 at home in Lakeville, Conn. They own a salvaging and reconstruction business for antique houses and barns. ✳ Hope you all enjoyed reunion. Let us hear about it!

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Susie Rohardt Strater took a road trip down to Lake Placid in March to visit with **Karen Eckrich Tyler**, who was watching her son Sam (16) compete in the Junior Olympic Cross Country Races. Although we were only together a few hours, we covered a lot of ground. Lake Placid hasn't changed all that much since we were all there for the 1980 Olympics. ✳ **Melissa Anderson** has been doing industrial market research and consulting at a firm in Grand Rapids for the last 17 years (since getting an MBA from the Univ. of Mich.). She enjoys the variety and gets a kick out of learning about obscure automotive components. Husband Mike, who works for an automotive supplier, gets her advice for free, whether he wants it or not! Children Laura (14) and David (12) are each an interesting combination of their parents' traits and keep them busy in all the usual ways. ✳ Congratulations to Jeff Murphy, son of **Michelle Melaugh Murphy**, who got accepted to Middlebury. ✳ **Sally Biggar Terrell** recently went on a college trip for Courtney, her youngest. They went to Middlebury, of course, and to Dartmouth, where they met up with **Sue Follett Panella** and her family for lunch. Sally's older children, Hannah and Jeff, are at Vanderbilt and Princeton. ✳ **Peter Gardner** was elected chair of the Intellectual Property Law Section of the New Hampshire Bar Association on March 11. He's an attorney with Stebbins Bradley Harvey & Miller in Hanover, N.H., and St. Johnsbury, Vt. He's also a Visiting Scholar at the Tuck School at Dartmouth and a Research Fellow at Vermont Law School. ✳ **Barbara Banks** and husband Charlie Altekruse (Harvard '80) make their home in Berkeley, Calif., with son Benjamin (2.5). Barbara is the director of marketing and new trip development for Wilderness Travel, one of the leading adventure travel companies in the country. Their most recent family adventure was a three-week journey on an expedition ship to South Georgia Island and Antarctica, in the footsteps of Shackleton. ✳ **Suzanne Butler** lives in New Orleans, where she's an appellate conference attorney for the U.S. Fifth Circuit. She and husband Mark Klyza have two children, Emily (17) and Andrew (14). ✳ **Lisa Freeman** was recently appointed development director of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, Vermont's oldest and largest professional theatre. She's on the board of the Mount Holly Community Association and chair of the Mount Holly Planning Commission. She will continue as a partner in Fiske & Freeman Antiques with husband John Fiske. ✳ After more than 20 years traveling the world, **Richard Johnston** has moved back to Vermont. ✳ Dan and **Betsy Bryan Kohnstamm** are "back home in Whitefish, Mont., after spending last year teaching and living in Chiapas, Mexico, with our two kids (15 and 10). It was a great year for all of us—I highly recommend stepping away in midlife!"

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Sally Rueger Barnes writes: "After leaving the workforce for four years to stay at home with my children (now ages 4 and 6), I have decided to go back to graduate school to get my master's in education to teach French and Spanish. It sure is different to be a student again after 23 years, but I am enjoying it!" ✳ **Sue Davison** reports that she is "divorced and successfully settled in Easthampton, Mass., and in my 20th year in development." Sue is VP of marketing and development for Springfield Museums and Dr. Seuss National Memorial. ✳ Congrats to **Jim Taylor** and Sarah Abbee, who were married in Sonoma County, Calif., on August 31, 2003. With a doctorate in psychology (Univ. of Colo. '85), Jim's practice specializes in parenting, sport psychology, and corporate coaching. His latest book is *Positive Pushing: How to Raise a Successful and Happy Child.* Sarah works in the nonprofit world, specializing in community economic development.

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Secretary Nelson reports: **Debbie Shelton** has been named director of development at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. With an M.S. in geochemistry from Cornell University, N.Y., Debbie has served as director of development at Mercy Hospital in Portland, Maine, and annual fund coordinator at Maine Medical Center. She lives in South Portland, Maine, where she enjoys golfing and cross-country skiing with husband Mark and their dog, Megan. ✳ **Chip Audett** (M.A. French '84) is the new capital gifts officer for Darlington School in Rome, Ga. He lives on campus with wife Kyle and their son. ✳ **Charlie Robinson** is moving his family to Davidson, N.C., near Davidson College. While Liz (O'Connell) '85 is busy at home with Hannah (10), Clare (7), and Eliza (5), Charlie is VP of brand management for Rubbermaid. ✳ **Peter Webber** writes that he is "staying home with our one-year-old son and working part time (during naps and bottles—his, not mine) as the executive director of the Golf Maine Association, a cooperative marketing venture designed to create a Maine Golf Trail for traveling golfers. It's a dream job in the sense that I get paid to golf. The unfortunate side is that I leave a lot of free golf on the table . . . the changing table. I golfed with Jim Leary this winter in Florida at a course called Knob Creek. Jim is retired and looking to get a novel published." ✳ Our Class of 1982 Scholarship Fund is currently valued at over $285,000 and benefits a current Middlebury student as financial aid. This year, the recipient was an international studies major with a focus in French. In a note to the Class of 1982, she writes, "I would like to thank you for the scholarship granted to me. With this grant, I am given this incredible opportunity to take advantage of all Middlebury has to offer. Thank you so much!"

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Leslie Leete Smith joined Ackland Sports Medicine as the office manager in February. "When I'm not working, I still enjoy skiing in Vermont with my daughters, Kimberly (12) and Stephanie (9). ✳ **CC Bitting Cunningham** writes: "The thought of sitting, relaxing in an art or history or literature class at Middlebury now makes me quite envious. My life now is spent in the car, driving Christopher (14) and twins Alexandra and William (11) to soccer practice, piano, and electric guitar lessons! I love it, but I miss that Middlebury time!" ✳ Living back in Bedford, N.Y., with wife Katie and girls Emma (8) and Sophie (6), **Robert Boyd** is working for Dresdner Bank in NYC. "Still flying airplanes for fun and eating English muffins with jam." ✳ After 18 years in NYC, **Julia Burr** moved to the eastern shore of Maryland. She's an addictions counselor, as well as painting and teaching art classes. Julia recently spoke with **Jonathan Baker**, who is making a splash in the L.A. interior design world. She transmits greetings to Ken Carlton '81, Carl Mueller '82, and Skye McKenzie '85. ✳ **Dilbeste Saglam** and **Tina Mavriki** celebrated 20th Reunion in the island of Skiathas, Greece, with their families (two children each). After living in 10 countries, Dilbeste lives in Beirut, Lebanon, at the moment. Tina lives in Athens. ✳ **Tom Jennings** continues to add beauty to the world with his wholesale flower business, Green Mountain Florist Supply, Inc. When not busy with work, he enjoys spending time with daughters Laura (7), Emma (6), and Adele (2). "I was sorry to miss the reunion last year, but we were busy moving into a new house and just couldn't swing it!" ✳ **Kevin Naughton** has a long commute to Manhattan from Darien, Conn., but he's "loving life as a country squire wannabe. Coaching son Liam (9) in football, basketball, and lacrosse. Twins Daly and Claire are seven! Still running most

mornings and enjoy doing our own painting and home improvement projects, as directed by my beautiful, smart, and funny better half, Heidi (Colby '88—her only flaw!)."
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Attorney **John Van Amsterdam** of Natick, Mass., has been elected a shareholder (partner) of Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, PC. He prepares and prosecutes patents in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and molecular biology. His areas of expertise include polymer- and biological-based drug delivery systems, immune-response inducers, nucleic-acid therapeutics, and gene therapy. Leaving Middlebury with his degree in chemistry and biology, he collected his master's in applied biological sciences and his Ph.D. in molecular biology from MIT, and got his law degree from Suffolk Univ. Law School. ✳ **Dennis Boyle** reports the arrival of son Charles Samuel on April 5. Charlie joins sisters Meredith and Maggie. ✳ **Betsy Hoffman Hundahl** and husband Eric are raising sons William (8) and Hansen (4.5) in Marblehead, Mass. She has hopes of doing some painting in her home studio in the coming year. "I regret not being able to attend the 20th Reunion, but I'm 'saving my strength' for the 25th in 2009!" ✳ **Todd** and Susan Cooper '87 **Hermanson** moved to Terrace Park, Ohio, last summer. Todd is working for Cinergy Corp. in Cincinnati, while Sue is running the house and coordinating the busy schedules of daughters Ingrid (10) and Elsa (7), as well as Ollie the Bernese mountain dog. "While we love our new Midwest digs, we still have our place on Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire, so we get back East often. If you're ever in the Queen City or in Sunapee (in the summer), look us up." They planned to see everyone at reunion. Hope there was a good turnout!
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Middlebury alums have a long history of helping others and every now and then they get to directly help one another. One situation occurred recently when Dr. **Jordan Sterrer**, an eye micro surgeon, was able to complete successful cataract surgery on Peter Hamlin '73. Peter and wife Chris Robbins '73 and Jordan and wife **Carrie Cabot Sterrer** are all Northfield, Minn., residents. ✳ Kevin and **Marnae Pearlman Ergil** live in Huntington, N.Y., with children Elizabeth (4) and Katherine (1.5). Marnae has a private practice in acupuncture and oriental medicine, and she also has a teaching appointment on Touro College School of Health Sciences. ✳ **Sarah Van Tuyl Ray** continues to keep the media alert to all the positive news coming out of Vermont as Middlebury's associate director of public affairs. ✳ **Rachel Riemann Akera** reports the arrival of son Kai, who joined brother Seiji (3) on March 25, 2003. She writes: "In the current climate, I am definitely joining the ranks of the activists!" ✳ **Gilly Gilson** and wife Diana welcomed daughter Charlotte Faye on June 20, 2003. She joins brother Will (2), who is currently running the household! ✳ **Andy** and **Kim Davis Gluck**, **Lisa Olsson**, and Jen Gluck Tinker '80 had a great time skiing in Colorado in February 2004. ✳ Believe it or not, we are officially counting down to our 20th Reunion, now less than a year away. Be sure and get your cane out of storage and mark your calendars for the weekend of June 3-5, 2005, to return to your alma mater.
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Peter Anderson made a midwinter trip with daughter Adelynn (3.5) to Middlebury for a visit with old friends like Prof. Sandy Martin, to talk about Vermont politics and Howard Dean, and to see all the new construction. Adelynn had her first run at the Snow Bowl. ✳ **Anne Marshall Norris** is the new associate director of graduate enrollment at New England College. Anne and Greg live in Sutton, N.H. ✳ **Ann McCollum** writes: "I can't believe we're all turning 40 this year! I plan to celebrate with a week on the beach in Mexico." ✳ **Tom Farrell** and wife Betsy welcomed the newest member of the Farrell clan, Anna, on March 3. Anna is welcomed and adored by brothers Patrick (7) and Matthew (3) and sister Maggie (4). Congratulations to all the Farrells. ✳ **Brad Schildt** reports that he continues "to climb, ski, and ride through Colorado and the West, and compete with my younger self in running races and triathlons. I recently surfed with **John Hill** and his wife, Laura, and son Rex in San Francisco. Actually John surfed, I got pounded and retreated to the safety of the beach. When not surfing, John is the metals and mining analyst for Citigroup / Smith Barney. I see **Bruce Genereaux** and his brother, Steve '83, annually in April at the Tuckerman's Ravine Inferno race, where we compete as a team. Bruce and his wife, Janna, have their hands full with their five kids (including my godson Ford) and their new project of building a day care/education center in Hanover, N.H. I saw **Tom Michaud** and his family over the summer in Canada at Kim Chedel's ('87) house. When not training and participating in triathlons, Tom is the vice chairman and COO at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods. Kim Chedel created 'Team Frank,' a group of friends who participate in races in memory of her husband, Frank Doyle, who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11. In May we run the Rubin Run in Tenafly, N.J., and in August it's the Ste. Agathe Triathlon near Kim's home in Quebec." In his free time, Brad is executive VP of BioPay, a company he helped start in 1999. "We are a retail payment processing company that links your financial accounts to your fingerprint, allowing card/cash/check/ID free shopping," Brad explains. ✳ **Rob Masinter**, who also lives in Colorado with wife Kathy, daughter Jessica (6), and twins Eric and Sarah (5), reports that Brad's fiancée, Mary Lynn, is a wonderful woman—and well-suited to putting up with Brad's adrenaline-oriented pursuits." Rob is director of DSL and commercial services for Level 3 Communications, a facilities-based provider of data, internet, and voice over IP services with network in the U.S. and Europe. "It continues to be an exciting and challenging time for the telecommunications industry—never a dull moment!" ✳ In Virginia, **Michael Morrison** is a managing director, running the Richmond office of Matrix Capital, an investment banking firm focusing on mergers and acquisitions. He lives in Williamsburg, where he recently caught up with **Clint Johnson** on the golf course. Last fall, he traveled to Maine, where he got the chance to visit with **Rich Lyne.** ✳ We are sorry to report the terrible news of the sudden death of **Susan French Proulx** on April 9, 2004. She was struck down with a very sudden, fatal illness. Susan was in grad school at UVM, earning a dual master's in guidance and mental health. We convey the condolences of the entire class to her husband, Jerry, and their sons, Alex and Walter. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.
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Good news for 1987! Two new secretaries have signed on to help us all keep in contact with each other! Many thanks to **Elizabeth Ryan O'Brien** and **Tom Funk** for stepping up to the plate. Send them your news at their addresses below. ✳ **Lisa Preston Bailey** writes: "I had the 'travel bug' recently, making a school trip to Australia and family visits to Vermont and Trinidad and Tobago—all in a span of six months! **Beth Baugh** spent a week at our home in Honolulu, where we had a mini-reunion with **Heather Gaudreau Lum**. If any other Middlebury alumni visit the islands, please give a shout!" ✳ **Ashley Ransom** recently bought her first house by the water in the Bay Area, where she is "truly enjoying life." She has gotten together with **Jen Cote** and **Cici Mulder**, and hoped to see other Midd friends this summer. ✳ Tim and **Kimberley O'Sullivan Hall** welcomed twins Alexander and Timothy last summer: "They are adorable and funny as can be." Kim still practices plastic and reconstructive surgery in Wellesley. ✳ Another new set of twins, Ben and Tia, were born recently to Rose and **Buck de Wolf**, in Oakland, Calif. Their big brother, Sam, is doing great. Buck is a partner in the San Francisco office of Howrey Simon Arnold & White. ✳ **Lili Dyer** and husband Nick Benson (M.A. Italian '91) welcomed their first child, Katharine, on December 26, 2003. Lili is teaching ESL part time and practicing "attachment parenting!"
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Roberta Sengelmann-Keshen and husband Tamir are both on the faculty at Washington Univ. School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. She writes: "While most of our time seems to be spent caring for patients, Tamir and I did manage to spend some time with a couple of classmates in 2003. In summer, we met **Emilie Riggs-Laurent**, husband Christophe, and *FOUR* kids in Miami for a fun-filled weekend. Over Christmas break, we met **Melissa Duryea Lewis**, husband Craig, and two kids in San Francisco for another terrific reunion. I'd love to hear from other classmates at (rsengelm@im.wustl.edu); we have an open door policy for visitors. Happy 2004 to all!" ✳ Andy and **Mary Catherman Hansbrough** have two daughters now, Erin (3.5) and Kayla Megan, who was born July 30, 2003. Mary writes: "I resigned from Virginia Tech and am staying home, taking care of the girls." ✳ **Marc** and **Sheila Darcy Boyle** welcomed their third son, Finn, on October 21, 2003. ✳ **Joan Viebranz Lockwood** and her husband welcomed daughter Carter Wentz Lockwood on January 24. She joins brother George (2.5) and sister Grayson (16 mos.). "Life is chaos, but we are doing well. Hopefully we will get to Middlebury sometime soon for a visit." ✳ **Ellie**

Waud Dorr is still living in Rye, N.Y., with husband Tim and children Lowell (8.5), Cornelia (6), and Corinna (4). Would love to hear from friends at ewdorr@optonline.net. ✷ **Jeffrey Granatino**, of Scituate, Mass., has been named principal at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, after serving as assistant principal at Milton High School for four years. ✷ **Patrick Stern** is the new group creative director in the New York office of Organic, Inc., a Web-development and marketing-services firm. Pat spent the last three years as the cocreative director at R/GA, where he led the team responsible for the Nike work that won three Cannes Cyber Lion awards last year. ✷ **Laura Ludwig** offers "two cents for anyone who can describe my job with only my 'title' to go by: Maine Large Whale Take Reduction Coordinator. Phippsburg is a nice place to visit off-season, crowded in July and August." ✷ Drew and **Liz Nightingale** relocated to Uganda from Thailand earlier this year. Liz is working at the embassy in Kampala, while her husband is with the U.S. Department of State. You can contact her at NightingaleES@state.gov.

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Andrew Cornish sends his best from Jackson Hole, Wyo., where he and wife Sara (Van Genderen) '88 are enjoying life in the Tetons. When not schussing the bunny hill with son Jack (4) and daughter Andie (3), Andrew has been kept busy by maintaining his commercial and residential real estate appraisal practice and opening a real estate brokerage firm specializing in buyer representation. Andrew and Sara are hopeful that visitors will continue to come and share the beauty of Wyoming with them. ✷ After 13 years in San Francisco, **Paige Pierson** and her partner, DeeDee, moved to the Napa Valley. The move was prompted by the arrival of son Logan Max on August 9, 2002. Paige writes: "I'm working in marketing at Williams-Sonoma in San Francisco and DeeDee is the creative director for a travel company, based in NYC, skyauction.com, and works out of our house. Check out the site for great travel bargains! Please say hi if you are in the area (ppierson@olifants.com). We're in touch with lots of Midd friends. JB Brainerd '88 is Logan's godfather. We'll be having a mini-Midd reunion on the Cape this summer with nine Class of '89 families!" ✷ After years of moving to and from various places on the globe (NYC, Budapest, Miami, Costa Rica, and Boston), **Kevin Walker** has landed in L.A. and plans to stay. "I recently got a job with ABC Television in advertising sales. Life is good in Tinsletown!" ✷ Derek and **Katie Ray Chang** welcomed daughter Nina Wallis Chang on March 8 in NYC. "We are getting to know each other very well, especially at 3 A.M., and having a wonderful time." ✷ **Chris Reed** who continues to work as an ob/gyn for the U.S. Navy, recently relocated to Potomac, Md., from Yokosuka, Japan. ✷ **Troy Haynie** is an eighth grade teacher and associate dean of students at St. Luke's School in New Canaan, Conn. This summer he's the director of Camp Hand-in-Hand, a diversity-oriented community summer day camp for five- to eight-year-old kids. Troy is also active in the New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the local Red Cross chapter. ✷ Michael and **Ruth Jackson Crosby** make their home in Westbrook, Maine. Ruth is a computer programmer at MUNIS, a software division that writes financial software for municipalities and school districts all over the U.S. ✷ Karen and **Michael Gregorich** live in Darien, Conn., with children Dolan (6), Sam (4), and twin girls Margaret and Quinn (2). They enjoy seeing fellow Midd alums **Johann Nottebohm** and **Ben Patch** at the hockey rink and around town. Mike is a principal at a private equity firm based in Greenwich, Conn., called MMC Capital, which is an affiliate of Marsh & McLennan Cos., where he has been since leaving Wall Street in early 2000.

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Steven Trowbridge has been working in Prague, Czech Republic, for three years as financial director of Central Resource, a property development company. "Traveling when possible and enjoying the proximity to good skiing in Austria. Always happy to meet up with Midd alums (or students) traveling through the beautiful city of Prague!" ✷ **Diahann Klein** has moved from NYC to sunny L.A., Marina del Rey to be exact. Her most recent acting role was on NBC sitcom *Emeril*. Since the series was cancelled after it's first season ("in classic Hollywood insanity"), she is delighted to be back in school, getting her master's in psychology. Recently certified as a Professional Ski Instructor, she "would love to hook up with Midd folk to ski the slopes, go to the beach, hike the canyons, have coffee, or whatever." ✷ **Page Walker Buck** is pursuing a Ph.D. in social work at Bryn Mawr College. ✷ **Greg Frezados**, who practices estate planning and philanthropy law in Chicago, recently had a great time with fellow Midd grads at Prof. Don Wyatt's tour and lecture at the Field Museum's Forbidden City exhibit. ✷ **Suzy Chambers** and Eric Sterner were married on January 24 in Arlington, Va. Midd guests included Naomi Greer '86, **Sarah Menzel**, and **Becca Hoyt**. Suzy is still the director of marketing and external affairs for European rocket company Arianespace. ✷ **EJ Kavounas** is living in Los Angeles, working very non-L.A. hours in investment banking. With two kids—Jane (4) and Michael (1.5)—EJ is happily married to Toder's old Peace Corps buddy, Chung Han, who is an attorney. EJ says he used to meet with **Gary Sedlik** with reasonable frequency, until "Gary became a dad and fell off the edge of the world." That said, Gary is extremely happy with his new status in life, as father of Noah and husband to Sara. ✷ **Barbara Menzel Beebe** is happy at home in Menlo Park, Calif., with kids Katie (6), Giles (4), and Claire (1). Her sister, **Sue Menzel Andersen**, also has three kids at home: Lucas (5) and twins Megan and Emilia (3.5). "We both can't wait to see everyone at our 15th Reunion!" ✷ **Chris** and **Martha Benz Daigle** are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Lucy Margaret Daigle, on June 8, 2003. She joins siblings Caroline and Samuel in their Hollis, N.H., home. Chris is practicing medicine; Martha is the curriculum chairperson for their local preschool. ✷ Robb and **Kelli Naylor Dobrzynski** are the proud parents of Jack (5), Ryan (3), and Grace (7 mos.). In 2001, they moved to Rhode Island, where she's an emergency physician at Kent County Memorial Hospital, after certifying in both internal medicine and pediatrics. She was hired to oversee the pediatric care in the emergency department. Robb is an endocrinologist and a clinical instructor at Brown Univ. ✷ **Michele Thorp** and husband David Raphael welcomed son Michael David Raphael on December 14, 2003. He joins sister Sarah (now 5). Michele returned to work from maternity leave and started playing soccer two weeks later. And this year her daughter starts playing with a team. ✷ **Mike Lane** and wife Carolyn are enjoying life in Maine. They have three little ones keeping them very busy: John (5), Meredith (3), and Edward a.k.a. "Ned" (1). ✷ In Wellesley, Mass., Eric and **Diane Peterson Seaborn** live at Dana Hall School with children Graham (4) and Grace (2). Diane writes: "It is our hometown, so a bit strange to be back, but we enjoy it very much." Diane is a residence director for a residence hall on campus: "This is a boarding school for high school girls and the work is never dull!" She's also doing some supervisory work for Boston Univ., overseeing students in educational field work. ✷ Zaidee Mae joined parents **Steve** and Rebecca Clark '92 **Bennett** on April 8, 2004. Steve was immediately wrapped around Zaidee's little finger. ✷ Sally Rosser Thistle, born November 7, 2003, joins big sister Jane Zoe (2). **Pamela Rosser Thistle** writes that "having two girls is like a nonstop slumber party—exhausting, but lots of fun." ✷ Richard and **Donna More Volpitta** live in Stamford, Conn., with Marco (2) and Jenna (6 mos.). Donna hoped to complete her doctoral degree in learning disabilities in May. She plans to start a consulting practice and teach in the master's program at Teachers College. ✷ **Ian Kelley** and wife Joanna report that son Nicholas (1) "is keeping us busy, to say the least." ✷ **Tammy Young** and her husband are pleased to announce the arrival of second son Jamison Zharkinbek Cote. They traveled to Kazakhstan over the holidays to adopt and bring him back to their new home in Connecticut. Older son Nicholas (2) is very pleased with his new brother. ✷ Neil and **Maura Joyce Batts** welcomed twins Jack and Isabella on November 7, 2003. They arrived a bit early and spent some extra time in the hospital, but they made the best Christmas presents ever! Maura is looking forward to taking one more year off from her role as foreign language department head in the Medfield (Mass.) High School. ✷ **Heather Jaynes Lake** is the academic dean at the Millbrook School in Millbrook, N.Y. Heather and husband Rob (Williams '91) have two children, Casey (4) and Tucker (2). ✷ *He said, she said*: **Judith Wright Battista** writes that while husband **Tim Battista** was "on his two-week NOAA cruise" in the U.S. Virgin Islands, she and daughters Allie and Molly headed to Richmond to see **Jackie Geer Murphy**, her husband Jim, and their new baby, Cole, recently adopted from Korea. Tim writes: "I would like to set the record straight before it appears that the government sent me on a 'cruise.' I was chief oceanographer on a research mission aboard the NOAA ship, *Nancy Foster*. We conducted seafloor characterization of the Buck Island and U.S. Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monuments, using a shipboard multibeam sonar system, fish transects and fish trapping. Before I get a barrage of e-mails about 'I can't believe you get paid to do work in the U.S. Virgin Islands,' my shift was from midnight to 8 A.M. and there is NO alcohol on NOAA ships. Late night at Zete it was not!" Thanks for the clarification, Tim!

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Bill Deacon owns and operates restaurants in Scottsdale, Ariz. Let him know when you make it to the Southwest, at bill@fostersseafood.com. ✷ **Eliza Harding Turner** still lives in San Francisco. She married Stephen Turner in September 2003, "despite the fact that he graduated from Dartmouth. **Kate Grimes McMahon**, **Louise Kellogg Stumph**, and **Kate Parker Muller** were with us to celebrate, and Grimes sang like an angel at our ceremony. I'm still writing (fiction) and teaching, and we share a wall with the Parker Mullers. Life is good." ✷ Living in St. Petersburg, Russia, since September 2002, **Emily Locke** is a Fogerty Fellow working on a vaccine project, funded by Johns Hopkins Univ., with the Russian Biomedical Center. ✷ **Chris Waddell** spent some time in Florida preparing for the Summer Games in Athens. ✷ Good news from **Becky Castle** and Bob Clark '89: daughter Liliana Marlow Clark arrived on February 25. Congratulations! ✷ Soul rocker **Bryan Thomas** released his third album, *Babylon*, making it available online via indie Internet retailer CDBaby.com. Most of the songs on the album were written in early 2003, in the weeks before and after the launch of the Iraq War. A Web developer by day, Bryan lives in Albany, N.Y., with wife Cindy and daughter Zoe.
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After over four years as an MCI spokeswoman, **Audrey Waters** has switched gears to the world of nonprofit. Now she is VP, communications, for America's Promise, the organization Colin Powell launched in 1997. While continuing to teach her PR and lobbying courses at George Washington Univ., Audrey hopes her new professional life will allow her to enjoy Midd D.C. events! ✷ **Jeff Clark** was recently granted tenure at Lawrence Univ. in Appleton, Wis. He's in the geology department. ✷ **Colin** and Karen Falso '94 **Leonard** are living in Syracuse, N.Y., where Colin has joined the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, as an associate in the labor and employment law department. ✷ **Matthew Slaughter** was admitted to the New York State bar and is practicing land use law with Fix Spindelman Brovitz & Goldman in Rochester, N.Y. ✷ **Helen McCabe** completed her Ph.D. in education in April and accepted an assistant prof. position at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in upstate New York. "The position is in education, with an affiliation with the Asian studies department, so I am still focusing on China, which began with an East Asian studies major at Midd! I get back to China every year or two to do research and volunteer work with children with autism." ✷ As director of development for the Chinese American Service League, **Paul Cusimano** organized the May celebration of CASL's 25th anniversary at the Field Museum in Chicago. In June came the dedication of CASL's new Community Service Center, a product of a $9.15 million capital campaign Paul directed. ✷ **Kiki Stromstad** and Francesco Cirillo were married September 20, 2003, in Gstaad, Switzerland. Laura Manibo Callan '90 made it over for the wedding. Kiki (the administrative assistant to the dean of Franklin College) and Francesco live in Lugano, "the Italian part of Switzerland, where there are palm trees!" ✷ While they miss the excitement of London, **Tracey Merrill** and **Eric Wellman** are starting to feel like home in Boston. Son Joseph is almost four. They're looking forward to a trip to Russia. ✷ Jim '90 and **Piper Lounsbury Stover** have gradually migrated from Beijing to Seattle to Waitsfield, Vt., where they have settled with daughter Isla Jane (2). Jim is working for Northern Power Systems, a subsidiary of Distributed Energy System Corp. Taking a break from her international business career, Piper is teaching Chinese part time at the local high school. ✷ **David Freeland**, who is working with America's Growth Capital in Boston, has moved backed to his old haunt on Beacon Hill. ✷ After seven great years in Boston, Katie and **Jon Owsley** and daughter Macy moved to New Canaan, Conn. Jon accepted a job as a principal at Catterton Partners, a private equity firm based in Greenwich. While they miss all the Panthers in the Boston area, they are excited to be closer to the likes of **Charlie Watson, Dean Flanagan, Pete Steinle, Tristram Perkins, Pete Benedict**, and all of the other Midd folks in Fairfield County. (They anxiously await the return of **Banc Jones** and **Gerry Pearce** from their international assignments.) ✷ At the Univ. of Fla., in Gainesville, **Hannah Covert** is the associate director of the Tropical Conservation and Development Program, an interdisciplinary graduate level training and research program. She spends most of her time on campus but has done some travel to Brazil and Ecuador for collaborative projects and field courses. She also serves on an advisory board for the city's nature parks, spends time on her house and yard, and visits her niece and nephew (one-year-old twins). ✷ Leaving EnSafe in September 2003, **Todd Kafka** has joined MATEC Engineering and Consulting as a senior hydrogeologist. Living in Knoxville, Todd and wife Nancy were eager to take daughter Allyson (18 mos.) up in the Smokies for some hiking and fly-fishing. They welcome visitors interested in sightseeing. ✷ **Brian Good** is a pediatrician in Salt Lake City, spending most of his time in the children's hospital and a portion of his time in a private clinic. A skier and Ultimate Frisbee player, Brian was in Sarasota last fall for the Nationals. ✷ In addition to his day job as bioinformatics/IT guy at a local biotech company, **Brian Schilling** recently completed his fourth year as assistant coach for the Jackson Hole High School nordic ski team, "assistant leading" them to a state championship. Brian sent news from the Jackson Hole crowd: **Ted Kyle** lives in JH with wife Gina, a cat, and a dog. Ted has started a new career as a sales associate for Jackson Hole Real Estate & Appraisal. ✷ Amy and **Anthony Rojo** are the proud parents of Charlie, born April 26, 2003. Brian reports that "Charlie seems to be equally comfortable upside down as right side up, which is good news for his career as a big-mountain skier. Anthony was named Teton County Firefighter of the Year for his outstanding work as a volunteer firefighter." ✷ Boulder resident **Jason McGowin** was joining Brian in early April on the Haute Route, a classic ski mountaineering traverse in the Alps from Chamonix to Zermatt that takes about six days. Jason, Brian, and Ted Kyle previously did a variation of the route in the spring of 2002. ✷ **Pete Walsh** left Hogan & Hartson to accept a position as an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the Criminal Division of the Colorado United States Attorney's Office. Pete lives in Denver with wife Kimberly and dog Jackson. ✷ **Chris Bevin** is pursuing his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the Mayo Clinic, with about three years remaining of his six-year residency. ✷ **Don** and Nancy Zagami '93 **Hunt** now have two daughters: Devon (2.5) and Bridget, born July 31, 2003. Don has been a corporate associate with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco since 1999, but he's planning on a transfer to the New York office this summer so the girls can be closer to family. He reports that **Dave Dougherty**, wife Deb, and children Cole and Ella are living in Rochester, N.Y., where Dave is a resident at the Univ. of Rochester Medical Center. ✷ Karen and **Tom Hung** welcomed son Alexander Joseph in July 2003. Alexander joins Sophie (2.5). The family enjoys living in North Carolina, where Tom and Karen both work at the Duke Medical Center. ✷ Kevin and **Laura Cohen Cline** (laura.cline@tap.com) live in Annapolis, Md., with son Brendan (4) and daughter Jessica (1). Laura manages government affairs for TAP Pharmaceuticals, commuting to D.C. ✷ In Mahwah, N.J., Ed and **Fiona McDonald Rose** celebrated daughter Emily McDonald Rose's first birthday on January 21. Fiona left her job as a conference planner for KPMG Foundation to be a

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Writer **Sarah Messer '88** was the recipient of a North Carolina Arts Council Fellowship award, which she is using to complete her book of poetry, *White Horse: 108 Stories of Do Khyense Yeshe Dorje*, a poetic version of a recently translated autobiography of a 19th-century Tibetan Buddhist.

Dr. **Wajeeh Nasser '89**, a family practice physician in Boise, Idaho, traveled to Ghana in West Africa this spring to provide medical assistance for patients who have never before seen a physician. The 12-day medical expedition to the remote village of Bamboi was organized by the Small Village Foundation, a Boise-based nonprofit organization.

A leading reporter at the *Willamette Week*, an online weekly based in Portland, Oregon, **Nick Budnick '91** is even willing to get "tasered" (stun gun) by the police in pursuit of a story. In May 2003, Budnick and his cowriter nabbed second place in the prestigious Best of the West journalism competition. Their winning article was about going through the personal trash of the Portland mayor, the DA, and the chief of police.

Megan Byrne '96 appears in NBC's *Law & Order* every so often as Myra Camp, the sexy computer technician. She's also performing in an Off-Broadway play, *Silent Laughter*, at the Lamb's Theatre. Megan spent fall semester 2003 at Middlebury, teaching an acting course and directing a play.

full-time mom. ✷ Bennett Alexander, second son of Tom and **Kate Albin Lindberg**, decided to arrive on January 23, during a rush hour snowstorm, necessitating a metro ride to the hospital while in active labor! Son Carter was surprised to no longer be an only child. ✷ **Sarah Gordon Littlefield** sends the good news that Paul and **Liz Hopper Whitelam** welcomed daughter Lucy Elizabeth in early March 2004. ✷ Lois, the second daughter of **Sarah Raunecker** and Rob Alberts, arrived in April 2003. This spring Sarah was going to visit **Caroline Leary Dowd** (and daughters Casey and Maddie) and **Carrie Harasimowicz Sullivan** (and daughters Shea and Kelsey). ✷ In February 2004, **Chris** and **Sherry Pelkey Roper** welcomed second child Benjamin Roper, joining Nathaniel (3). They live in Richmond, Va., where Chris is a program manager with Academic Travel Abroad, specializing in trips throughout Asia. Sherry is a brand manager at Reynolds Consumer Products. They anticipate a trip to the Northeast soon, to get their Midd-fix.

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Susie Caldwell Rinehart loves being back in Vermont with husband Kurt and son Cole (7 mos.). She's assistant director of the Mountain School. ✷ Mike and **Allison Nowicki Estell** and daughter Phoebe Beatrice, born March 29, are all enjoying settling into life in Boston. ✷ Piper Jensen celebrated her first birthday on May 2, 2004, with parents Jason and **Wendy Jenson Evans**, brother Cooper, and sister Tatum. ✷ **Jane Hanson** and Aaron Walker are proud to announce the birth of Elias Frederick Walker on May 11, 2003. Still living in Vienna, Va., they're searching for a bigger house to accommodate both baby and guests. ✷ **Ben** and **Kelly Rivers Small** are having a blast with son Austin (15 mos. as of March). Kelly enjoys juggling being a mom with being director of financial aid at Kingswood-Oxford School. Ben is boys dean for the class of 2006 at Choate, where he also teaches science and coaches diving and baseball. ✷ The October 25, 2003, marriage of **Tanya Rettkowski** and David Ames took place in Newburyport, Mass. Tanya freelances with Maggie Inc. modeling agency in Boston; she's also an agent with Coldwell Banker Brokerage in Newburyport. David teaches science and math at Cohasset High School. ✷ At the end of 2002, **David Seibel** left Boston law firm life to start a conflict management company called Insight Partners with best friend Patrick McWhinney. He writes: "I'm especially excited about our recent work with the International Criminal Court in the Hague, a new corporate client in Singapore, and the mediation class I'm teaching through the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School." ✷ **Kristin Bijur** is the administrator at a small, urban, public K-8 school in San Francisco: "I can't imagine a job I would love more! I keep my life balanced by dancing and doing yoga on the weekends." ✷ **John Cocchiarella** is a sixth-year corporate associate at New York law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP. He recently caught up with **Hillary Oppmann** and **Ellen Lindquist**, while they were visiting New York. ✷ **Carolyn Ramos** and husband Chad Cooper '95 had a blast at our 10th Reunion and look forward to attending Chad's reunion in 2005. Carrie is a litigation attorney with law firm Butt Thornton & Baehr in Albuquerque, N.M. Chad is a financial adviser with Prudential Financial. ✷ **Ofelia Barrios**, who lives in NYC with daughter Olivia, is the program director for an HIV/AIDS advocacy and policy not-for-profit agency. ✷ **Sarah Cahill** and Sally McGee added a canine companion to their household last December—Henry, a black lab/pointer mix. Sarah's keeping busy working on the new house in Mystic, Conn., and working at United Way of Rhode Island on Community Schools. ✷ **Annie Harris** and **Liz Craig** recently met and caught up on Midd friends, while enjoying a sunny morning in San Francisco. Liz is involved in design and Annie continues to teach in Atherton. ✷ Last summer **Amy Heebner** gave a carillon concert on the Frederick, Md., carillon. After the concert, she and husband Patrick Holloway '91 visited **Barbara Burgess** and Ellen Holloway '00 in Virginia. This March Amy could be found playing the piano in the pit at the Schenectady Light Opera Company for *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. ✷ In Denver, **Nancy Olson** works for Lowe Enterprises, a commercial real estate investment firm. She and Midd tennis teammates Jess Kubek Flanagan '92, **Heidi Zecher Burke**, and **Tonje Kilen Snow** recently reunited for a weekend in Chicago. Nancy's travels are limited, due to single parenting her clumber spaniel puppy, Buck. ✷ **Jen Lewin**, who finished her MBA at NYU last May, is the director of development at Social Accountability International, a nonprofit working to improve working conditions in factories and on farms around the world through voluntary labor standards. Jen runs into federal prosecutor **Lisa Horwitz**, as well as **Heather Micati** and **Shawn Rae Passalaqua**. Jen recently visited the aforementioned **Jane Hanson** in Vienna, Va. ✷ **Kerri Heinecken Milne** is teaching fourth grade at the Bement School in Deerfield, Mass. Kerri and husband Martin live at the Eaglebrook School with 40 boys, sixth to ninth grade! On a recent trip to Colorado, Kerri saw Tucker '91 and **Kirsten Shonstrom Hollander** with their kids, Cole and Addie. Kerri also sees **Rich** and **Michelle D'Ambrose Paterniti**, who work in Boston and have purchased a new home in Hingham, Mass.

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After eight years in Hong Kong, **Eric Ikauniks** recently moved to Boston to cover Asian equities for fund manager GMO. ✷ With his Ph.D. in music (spring 2003) from Buffalo, **Jeff Herriott** is in Wisconsin, teaching music composition and technology as an assistant prof. at the Univ. of Wisconsin at Whitewater. "It's kinda close to Madison," he reports. Jeff also sings and plays in a heavy metal band called Wombatt. ✷ **Warren Reid** (wreid@nemnet.com) is still CEO of Nemnet, Inc., an educational consulting firm. Warren and wife Najoh Tita-Reid recently built a house in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they are neighbors to James Mack '95 and Carol Tonge '95. Inspired by Chad Cooper '95, Warren is playing in a 30 and over baseball league this summer. His seventh grade boys basketball team went 13-2 but lost the championship game in double overtime. After trips to Budapest, Prague, and Machu Picchu, he hooked up with Cliff Mevs '97 at a Wyclef Concert and played a round of golf with Jose Ruiz '98 and James Thompson '86 in Hawaii. ✷ **Sam Roberts** (sam@gdk.com) started a new job in January 2003 as state tax manager for NACCO Materials Handling Group. Last November he moved to a new house in Troutdale, Ore. (a suburb of Portland), with an awesome view of Mt. Hood. Unfortunately, Sam shattered his lower right leg in December. He now has two plates and 14 screws that set off airport metal detectors. ✷ While working full time as a global implementation coordinator for MCI, **Evonne Ellis** expects to complete her MBA degree in July 2005. ✷ **Michael Howson**, who lives outside D.C., was recently admitted to the Maryland Bar. ✷ **Brendan O'Leary** joined Prism Venture Partners as an associate and Kauffman Fellow last May. ✷ **Kevin Marshall** recently left Sidley Austin Brown & Wood to take a political position in the U.S. Justice Department. Kevin works at Justice's headquarters on the Mall in D.C., as counsel to the assistant attorney general, who runs the Office of Legal Counsel, the in-house counsel for the department and outside counsel for the rest of the executive branch, reviewing bills for constitutionality, providing legal opinions to agencies, and working with the White House counsel's office in advising the president on legal matters, such as the conduct of the war on terror. Kevin and wife Heidi live in Alexandria, Va. ✷ In June 2003, **Bryan Wockley** earned his M.A. in Russian, East European, and central Asian area studies from Harvard. Now he's the U.S. program coordinator for the State Department's School Connectivity Program with Project Harmony in Waitsfield, Vt. ✷ Enjoying life back in the Middlebury community, **Mary Strife Cairns** and her husband have moved to Shoreham with son George III (2.5) and daughter Megan (1). ✷ **Anne Schulz Dicker** lives in Philadelphia with husband Simon. She reports that she's working to get out the vote in November and defeat George Bush. ✷ **Chris** and Emma Coello '97 **Butler** are enjoying the warmer climate in Charlotte, N.C., with son Lucas John Butler, born April 19, 2003. Chris continues marketing financial services to Hispanic and Asian markets for Bank of America, while Emma continues her work as assistant dean of admissions at Davidson College. ✷ Gretchen Herron and **Bo Wilmer** became the proud parents of Lyla Caroline Wilmer on January 16. Now settled into their new Seattle home, Bo continues to conduct ecological research using GIS for the Wilderness Society. ✷ **Ian Moore** started his own GIS company, Alaska Map Science, last year. He and wife Jen Jolliff '92 are cutting and milling beetle-kill spruce trees for a third timber-frame building on their 80-acre mountain homestead. See photos of their projects and Jen's art at www.gimmedatart.com. ✷ After two years teaching seventh grade science in West Hartford, Conn., **Kennan Radebaugh Poulakos** is staying home with daughter Riley, born March 2. Kennan and Greg were looking forward to seeing old friends at reunion. ✷ Simon and **Monica Gibbons Donovan** moved to San Francisco in October. In January they welcomed their first child, son Declan. ✷ In Freeport, Maine, Erik and **Dana Maisel Anderson** are happy to report the arrival of son Conrad Beck on December 24, 2003. ✷ Damaris and **Derek Lounsbury** report that daughter Allison (born December 26, 2003) has already traveled to Europe and was hitting Latin America in the spring. Derek is treasury director at Toys R Us. They live in Ridgewood, N.J. ✷ In London, **Peter** and **Alex Mackintosh Aspbury** now have two daughters: Kate (born January 2002) and Honor (born February 23, 2004). ✷ In Montpelier, Vt., **Alan** and **Julie Jennings Ritchie** now have two sons: Camden Tate (born August 2001) and Colton

Chase (born December 12, 2003). ✷ Francesca Segura and **Rob Schlesinger** were married in Arlington, Va., where Middlebury was very well-represented. They live in Alexandria, Va. Seeking the life-change trifecta (to go along with home ownership and marriage), Robert left his job in the *Boston Globe*'s D.C. bureau and is now a freelance writer in D.C. ✷ **Kip** and **Peggy Kline Kirkpatrick** are happy to announce the birth of daughter Elizabeth Virginia on December 6, 2003. Betsy joins big sister Grace (4) at home in Minneapolis. ✷ **Sandy Durst** was looking forward to bringing his wife and daughter Charlotte Rose up to our 10th. ✷ Also looking forward to our June reunion were Scott and **Katherine Behrens Crosby**, who welcomed son William (Will) Edwin on March 29, 2003. Katherine works part time now in interior design at a small firm in Brookline, Mass. They see a fair number of Midd alums in the Boston area. ✷ When Amy Stroud and **Teaque Lenahan** were married on September 13 in Door County, Wis., attendees enjoyed the peninsula's fall culture, despite three days of rain. ✷ **Mandy Levenberg** returned to the states in January, after a five-month adventure around the globe. Mandy is working as a marketing consultant with a bunch of clients, and she has enough free time to hit the slopes and enjoy the Pacific Northwest. She recently saw Teaque and his wife in Chicago, as well as **Phoebe Folger** and **Jeff David** in D.C. ✷ In 2002, after four years in Portland, Maine, **Joel Thompson** turned 30, quit his job, and moved to New Haven, Conn. On July 19, 2003, Joel and Rachel Willner were married at a ceremony officiated by the Hon. William K. Sessions III '69, a federal judge in Vermont for whom Joel clerked a few years ago. Rachel is a Yale medical student, while Joel works with a small firm in Bridgeport, assisting with the defense of a federal death penalty case and doing the usual array of civil litigations. Rachel and Joel met playing Ultimate Frisbee, and they continue to play for a co-ed Portland club team that has gone to the national championship tournament the last two years. They looked forward to catching up with folks at reunion.

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Sarah Stewart has been in Guatemala with the Peace Corps since January: "I'm in the Environmental Conservation and Income Generation program, specifically working on eco-tourism. Anyone needing info on travel to Guatemala can contact me at sarahinperu@excite.com." ✷ After eight years in NYC, **Helen Simons Del Bene** moved to London last September with husband Marc. ✷ Hieu '92 and **Shannon Detweiler Nguyen** welcomed daughter Sydney Xuan Nguyen on May 23, 2003. Hieu is working in college advancement at Middlebury, while Shannon finishes her fifth year in admissions at the College. ✷ **Foster Hetherington** is the new business development manager at the Bread Loaf Corporation. He had been with the McKernon Group in Brandon. ✷ Dr. **Daniel Perregaux** recently joined the emergency department staff at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, from Skagit Valley Hospital in Mt. Vernon, Wash. ✷ Craig and **Ali Barber Sanders** have two children now, Jaigh Lauren-Rose (born March 2001) and son Braeden ("Brady") Craig (born January 2003). In Boston, Ali and her family are busy with their real estate development company, Pari Passu. Ali would like to get in touch with **Marla Simpson Cusimano**. ✷ **Aaron Mendelsohn** is an assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, D.C. ✷ Caroline and **JP Watson** and daughter Rebecca Caroline, born last June 2, were moving this June to Athens, Ga., where JP is the new upper-school director at Athens Academy. JP will remain active in the southeastern soccer scene. ✷ Son Jack joined parents John and **Trisha Lucey Blackmar** on January 15, 2004. ✷ **Spencer** and **Kerry Sawatzky Williams** welcomed son Caleb Segen on February 24. Spencer continues to enjoy heading up West Paw Design, manufacturer of pet toys and bedding in Bozeman, Mont. Kerry, who has been active in advocating for child care policy at the state and national levels, was recently awarded a fellowship with the Children's Defense Fund. ✷ In San Francisco, **Zach Niles** is coproducing/directing a documentary film with **Banker White**: "The whole project is a bit of a Middlebury family affair, as our motley crew is comprised of Chris Velan '96, Andy Mitchell '96, and Jim Bruce '96. The film, *The Refugee All Stars*, is about a group of musicians from Sierra Leone who live in a refugee camp in Guinea, West Africa. After editing and, of course, fund-raising, we hope to have a finished product by the end of the summer. ✷ **Alex Steinhart** and wife Heidi Smoot live in San Francisco with daughter Sofia (born September 9, 2003). Digital audio company Digidesign, where Alex works in marketing, won an Oscar for its Pro Tools products at this year's awards. He's playing bass guitar in a local band with Cal Reichenbach '93 and **Justin Cook**. To hear a Vermont classic, e-mail him for a CD of his old Midd band, The Arrival of Horatio. ✷ Also living in San Francisco is **Diana Gregory**, the director of development at Marin Horizon School in Mill Valley. She often sees **Tiffany Claflin, Charlie Wyman**, and Fred McCrea '89. ✷ *The Honeymoon*, a first novel by **Justin Haythe**, was recently published (see pg. 46). A screenwriter by profession, Justin wrote the film *The Clearing*, starring Robert Redford, Willem Dafoe, and Helen Mirren.

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Alex Grossman has moved back to Vermont. Husband Dave Park is a family practice physician in the Hanover-Norwich area, and Alex has started a residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth. Daughter Audrey (1) is excited to have a swing set in their Norwich back yard. ✷ On May 4, **Gabi Belfort** gave a lecture on Ph.D. research to Midd's department of chemistry and biochemistry. He especially enjoyed seeing former adviser Bob Cluss. Gabi returns to medical school in the fall for two more years of M.D. training. ✷ **Molly Shuttleworth Evans**, an associate at Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell LLP in D.C., was recently elected to the Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division executive committee. ✷ Dan and **Jennifer Jay Bass** have two daughters; Evelyn Ruth (born Christmas Eve) and Clara. They live in Iowa City, where Jen is getting her master's in public health at the Univ. of Iowa. Also living in Iowa City, **Amanda Gordon Fletcher** is working for the Hoover Presidential Library Association as annual giving and membership manager. ✷ **Dan Mucha** finished business school at Berkeley this May. He and Laurie are moving to Seattle, where he'll be working for McKinsey. ✷ Living in Brooklyn, **Erzsi Pongo** is the assistant fitness director and a personal trainer at the Slope Health and Fitness Center. She's also developing her stand-up comedy routine, performing four shows at Manhattan's Gotham Comedy Club in 2003. ✷ **Casey Kelbaugh** moved to NYC, where he's a freelance photographer. He often sees **Greg Guido**, who lives a few doors down. ✷ **Cindy Martinez** and husband Russ Metzler moved from California to D.C., where daughter Isabel Ann was born June 30, 2003. Cindy works for the American Geological Institute. Across town, **Kali Azzi-Huck** and husband Andrew have a son, Sami Joseph Huck (born July 12, 2003). Cindy reports: "Sami and Isabel are already good friends, sharing everything from toys to germs." ✷ Darius '95 and **Lisa Jankowsky Brawn** welcomed son Julian Edwin on January 31, 2004. Lisa is director of middle and upper school admissions at the Browning School in NYC. ✷ **Helen Motter** spent the winter in Boulder, then returned to Jackson Hole where she's a climbing ranger in Grand Teton National Park. ✷ Also in Boulder, **Jill Fontana** is bartending at Hapa Sushi Grill and Sake Bar, volunteering for Vday Boulder (a global grassroots movement to end violence against women), and considering graduate study. ✷ As a landscape architect for Shapins Associates, **Mimi Mather** is working on the management plan for the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. ✷ **Markell Kiefer**, Emily Voorhees '99, and Tyson Lien '99 are producing a play about the life of the Dalai Lama, in celebration of his April visit to Los Angeles. ✷ In December, **Ned Catto** visited the Boulder crew from Manhattan, where he's dealing in antiquities. ✷ **Al Carson** lives in Vail, where you'll find him playing in the powder or the rapids, depending on the season. He also manages the ski department at Christy Sports and builds houses in the summer. ✷ Alison Bowman and **Josh Sobeck** were married on January 3 in Squaw Valley, Calif. Midd attendees included **John Maycock, Rob Lawrence, Josh Walker, Andy Mitchell, Chad Stern, Bain Smith, Courtney Slautterback, Megan Byrne, Billy Gowski, Ned Greene, Dan Cantrell, Ian Wolfe, Peter Dougherty, Amanda Dickson, Mike** and **Debbie Bailey Kreuzer**, and Rammy Harwood '94. Living in Manhattan, Josh is pursuing his MBA at Columbia Business School and Alison is taking classes at Parson's School of Design. ✷ **Chelsea Thaxter** and Chris Arenas got married on August 9, 2003, in Tiburon, Calif. They live in New Orleans, where Chelsea is in her second year of law school. This summer she's working at a firm in Menlo Park, Calif. Chris has been on the road with his band from San Francisco and a band out of New Orleans, opening for Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, Robert Randolph, and the Meters. ✷ The September 28, 2003, marriage of **Kimberly Whitman** and Patrick McGovern took place in South Yarmouth, Mass. Kim is a sales development manager at *Sports Illustrated*. ✷ **Yim Lee** and Minh Duong were married in September 2003. ✷ Jill Nusbaum and **Jonny Levy** were married on February 7 in Florida. They live in New Jersey and he's an attorney. ✷ The *NYTimes* informs us that Elizabeth Feld and **David Herzberg** were married on March 27 at the Metropolitan Club in NYC. ✷ **Claudia Schnipper Hochberg** has decided to pursue a cardiology fellowship. She and husband Ephraim Hochberg, an oncologist at Mass General, are living in Boston. ✷ **Kendra Muelling** is finishing up her master's in English literature in Cambridge, Mass. ✷ Paul and **Terri Elofson Bly** welcomed daughter Eliana Ruth on August 20, 2003. The Bly family will be moving from

Minneapolis to Orono, Maine, where Terri will complete her predoctoral internship in clinical psychology at the Univ. of Maine Counseling Center. ✳ **Elizabeth Seeley** is an assistant prof. in the psychology department at Amherst. ✳ **Peter Kucer** was ordained a priest of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles on November 22 at St. John Church in Cromwell, Conn. ✳ **Kathryn Chatfield** completed a Ph.D. in pharmacology at Dartmouth Medical School last summer. Now she's finishing her last two years of medical school at Dartmouth, where she sits in class with **Carey Field**. ✳ **Veronica Maginnis** will work at a Manhattan law firm in the fall. ✳ **Bart** and **Torrey Hinman Plank** are taking a six-month leave from their respective investment banking and advertising careers to travel in Tanzania, South Africa, Thailand, Australia, Papua/New Guinea, and New Zealand. They recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to kick off their journey. ✳ After finishing a clerkship for the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in August 2003, **Claudine Safar** took a two-month vacation, traveling six hours by boat to the south coast of Newfoundland to rock climb on a remote sea cliff. She's now practicing law in North Conway, N.H., in a small law firm, Cooper, Deans & Cargill, and coaching for the Mt. Washington Valley Ski Team on the weekends. "If anyone from Midd is in the area, come on by for a day of skiing, hiking, or climbing!"

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Henry Simonds is proud to announce that his documentary film, *One Shot: The Life and Work of Teenie Harris*, was accepted for national broadcast through American Public Television's exchange program and began airing across the country in February on over 77 PBS affiliates nationwide. Henry has been working on the documentary about the life of African American photographer Charles "Teenie" Harris, "whose 50-year career as a photojournalist and freelance photographer produced a body of work that is considered among the most comprehensive studies of black life in urban-America in existence." ✳ **Kevin Sullivan**, who lives in Boston with wife Adrienne, is an attorney in the real estate department at Hale and Dorr LLP. On a recent trip to NYC, he got together with Mike Moisio '96, Liz Frankel '99, **Graham Tracey**, **Darcy Falkenhagen**, and **Jon Craine**. Jon has been working as an artistic designer while exploring the world of classical music; Graham has been playing in a couple of different bands. ✳ Living in Austin, Texas, **Martha Allison Keltner** was finishing up a master's in Chinese medicine this May, then moving to Atlanta to practice acupuncture. "I try to visit Vermont whenever possible, but never as much as I would like. I'm still playing a lot of Ultimate Frisbee and co-coaching college ultimate this spring for the Univ. of Texas women's team." ✳ **Pablo Calvo** has been an Internet marketing manager with Citigroup in Baltimore, Md., for six years: "I live in Federal Hill in Baltimore and still get excited when I see Midd stickers on cars around town. I'm studying for my marketing MBA at Johns Hopkins. It's part time, though, because student poverty is not something that I miss. If anyone is in town and wants to see a familiar face, track me down." ✳ **Greg Mascolo**, who married Elizabeth Abate (Notre Dame '97) August 9, 2003, was graduating from UVA law school this spring. He's clerking for a federal district judge in Minnesota before working for a firm in Minneapolis. ✳ **Ian McConnel** is in his first year at Boston College Law School. To celebrate their second wedding anniversary, he and wife Lindsay took a winter trip to the Snow Bowl and stayed at the Middlebury Inn. ✳ **Greg Carolan** is now a resident (orthopaedic surgery) at UPenn Hospital. ✳ After finishing up her MBA at Kellogg, **Jamee Field** had plans to travel this summer and then settle down in Chicago. ✳ As a freelance writer, **Jill Hindle** recently finished a project for the Vermont Land Trust. She's also managing the Front of the House at American Flatbread, the organic restaurant in Middlebury's Marbleworks. ✳ **Sara Hasan Nagy** had a great time recently in Tiburon, Calif., celebrating the marriage of **Christine Griffin** and Scott Young. Also partying were **Marit Torkelsen, Jonathan Ferrari, Rob Taboada, Heidi Erdman Vance, Al Finkelstein, Henry Simonds, Matt Bijur**, and **Jamie Cowperthwait**. ✳ The marriage of **Merideth Cox** and Brian Ostrer took place on June 29, 2003, at Fearrington Village, Pittsboro, N.C. Merideth is a history teacher at Greens Farms Academy in Westport, Conn.; Brian works for Unilever in Greenwich. ✳ **Jill Tobin** and Shanon Cotta were married on November 27, 2003, in South China, Maine. With a master's in teaching from the Univ. of Maine, Jill teaches third and fourth grade at the Center for Teaching and Learning in Edgecomb. Shanon, who also holds a master's in teaching from the Univ. of Maine, taught social studies before going on active duty in Iraq with the Maine Army National Guard. ✳ **Anne Brubaker** and **Scott Davis** had a Christmas Eve wedding at the Sunset Hill House in Sugar Hill, N.H. Anne is a fashion designer at Garnet Hill in Franconia; Scott is a doctoral candidate at Dartmouth. ✳ When **Sean Libby** got married last September on Cape Cod, **Sarah London, Josh Malin, Dan Surh**, and **Bill Noto** were all there to help celebrate. ✳ **Bill Noto** writes: "**Jason Tandon, Justin Racz**, and I made it out to San Francisco for New Years and had a great time hanging with **Emily Gleason** at her pad on Ashbury, just off Haight. There were no reported casualties. My band Spacecake just went up to Middlebury this past weekend to kick off the Tavern's annual Pink Ladies Die Tournament. We had a great time playing for the kids on Friday night. It was pretty surreal for me. Did we dance like that when we went to college?"

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Kip Digges reports from Down Under, where he's completing law school: "Now that I'm in New Zealand, which is ridiculously beautiful, it's easy to see where they could have set up filming locations for Lord of the Rings. Traveling around the countryside—through mountain passes with snow-capped mountains on one side and the Tasman Sea on the other; hiking up glaciers, around lakes, or through rainforests, or over volcanic craters, hot springs, boiling mud pools, geysers, or abseiling down into underground caves; or kayaking in Milford Sound, surrounded by fiords hundreds of meters high, with waterfalls cascading from all sides—the landscape here is breathtaking. It's amazing how much untouched natural space there is and so few people—despite 40 million sheep everywhere." ✳ **Jen Andrews** is a first-year at MIT's Sloan School of Management working towards an MBA. ✳ **Jen Jensen** started a new job with the Department of City Planning in NYC, where she's breaking her own hula-hooping record—12 minutes! Jensen recently spotted **John Schowengerdt** in New York, as well as **Davis Hodge** and wife Cintia Fantini. Davis plays racquetball frequently. ✳ **Tom Gravel**, who works for a sports documentary film company, is "also ready to hit the New York stages with his one-man band show." ✳ **Jess Riley** writes, "I just moved out to L.A. to finish my master's in nutritional medicine and continue with my screenwriting." ✳ **Patrick Knightly**'s debut solo record, recorded last October, can be found at cdbaby.com. ✳ News from **Irina Marinov**: "As I am struggling to finish my Ph.D. thesis in carbon cycle and climate change at Princeton, I dearly hope this will be the last summer I spend in New Jersey for a long while. In the fall I will be moving to Boston for a postdoctoral research position at MIT. I hope this move will make it easier to reconnect with old Midd friends in the Boston/New England area." Irina has kept in touch with **Marina Malinov-Moeller**, who became a mother in February. Marina and husband Nicolas are studying and working in London this year with baby Jonathan. ✳ Visitors to London should get in touch with **Emily Richards** and **Jessie Mello**, who are studying for MBAs at the London Business School. "Living in London and being just a cheap flight from anywhere in Europe is amazing!" **Brandon Doyle** is also in London regularly, working for the New York office of Cambridge Univ. ✳ **Colin** and Shayla (Schneider) '99 **O'Neil** are loving life in warm North Carolina, where Colin is at Duke's Fuqua School of Management. ✳ Leigh and **Tyler Nottberg** are looking forward to bringing daughter Maggie (born March 26) up to Vermont for her first hike in the Green Mountains. ✳ In May 2003, Matt '96 and **Martha Shay Trail** welcomed a son, who is already being recruited by college teams looking for linebackers, according to Matt's brother, Jeff Trail '99. Matt and Martha recently moved from Boston to Hanover, N.H., where Matt started the Tuck MBA program at Dartmouth. ✳ In August 2003, **Michele Anastasio** started business school at Columbia, along with Isha Siraj '01, Keith Liljegren '97, **Alyson Cucci**, and James Farrell '99. In October, Michele and Robert Britton were married in Greenwich, Conn. Fellow Midd cross-country and track runners Angenie McCleary '99 and Jess Blake '99 came to visit Michele recently: "They're tearing up marathon courses across the country. On the other hand, I'm lucky if I can run five miles these days without collapsing." In NYC, Michele runs into **Katy Masselam** (also doing her residency), Cindy Sada '97 (a first year at Stern), Linnea McArt '97, and Stacy Roose Francis '97. ✳ Dennis '96 and **Leena Anderson Jones** and son Quincy (10 mos.) live in Connecticut. Dennis is an assistant treasurer at JP Morgan Chase. Leena is a database manager at the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, a nonprofit that teaches young people to start and operate their own business. ✳ Hadley and **Mike Bay** welcomed daughter Caroline Leslie in September 2003. Completing two years at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern in June, the Bays move to Charlotte, where Mike works with investment banking firm Edgeview Partners. Memories of "The Pit" and freshman life in Stewart were thrown around while the Bays were living in the same Evanston apart-

ment building as Kevan '97 and **Katie Whittlesey Comstock**, who were married in Chicago last September. Other 2003 Midd weddings demonstrating the attraction discovered between Midd people after leaving campus include **Michelle Spina** and Brian Schmidt '97 (married in Lenox, Mass., last July); **Lauren Brown** and Dates Fryberger '97 (married last August); and **Franklin Foster** and Amy DiAdamo '97 (married last fall in beautiful Vermont). Love the '98-'97 synergies going on. Let's keep it up.

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Anita Chavez left her job as a legislative aide for U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman at the end of March, with plans to complete her M.A. in international peace and conflict resolution at American Univ. In June she was heading to Tanzania to serve in the Peace Corps as an environmental volunteer. "These past few years in D.C. have been busy and exciting ones, but I'm really looking forward to experiencing East Africa." ✳ Since returning in 2001 from her Watson year of studying penguins as catalysts for conservation awareness, **Jenna Sigman** has been wondering if she will ever have another year quite as amazing as that. "In between yearning to continue traveling and trying to save money, I've been pursuing a career in marine education. I was recently promoted to the youth programs supervisor at the New England Aquarium in Boston and love working with Boston teens. I share a cool pad with **Shannon Shaper** and my wild cat, Scat. We often see fellow Febs **Tania Kozikowski** (who recently passed Vet boards), **Amari Parker Harrison**, **Jackie Britt**, **Jess Blake**, and **Jason Hui**. As I write this, Shan is in China (again), working for an international adoption agency and taking photos." ✳ After Midd, **Vik Duggal** went to Calcutta Univ. and "ended up as the marketing manager of India's largest private ISP. Then I joined a full-time MBA program in Ahmedabad, and just got placed with a leading consumer durables MNC. Somewhere along the way I also dabbled in non-linear digital editing, worked on some TVCs and sit-coms, and intend to make an independent film soon. Thank you, Prof. Ted Perry!" ✳ **Nic Tuff** is living on a lake in the N.H. mountains, getting his master's in education, state teaching certification, and Waldorf certification from Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, while doing freelance video and writing work. ✳ As mentioned in the winter 2004 column, **Laura Todd** and **Brad Hotchkiss** were married at Mead Chapel in September 2003. Unfortunately, Laura's name was not bold-faced in the write-up, so we hasten to make amends here and remind everyone that Laura is a loyal alum of the College in her own right. ✳ **Amy Olson** writes that she "will miss you all at the reunion! I'll expect reports of white turtles in Lake Dunmore in my absence. Remember Class of '99 is always welcome in Sun Valley." ✳ **Elizabeth D'Agostino** lives in NYC, where she has worked at IMG Models since graduation. ✳ **Rich Price** was signed to Geffen Records earlier this year, and his Geffen debut, *Miles From Anywhere*, will be released in July. One of the tracks from the record appears in this summer's *Shrek 2* soundtrack. ✳ **Todd Champagne** reported great anticipation of this season's pickle, pumpkin, and popcorn patch from Happy Boy Farms south of Santa Cruz, Calif., where everything is organic. ✳ **Pete Steinberg** recently returned from New Zealand, where he met many sheep. He reports that **Chris Lindstrom, Robby Levy, John Felton**, and **Dan Meyer** celebrated Meyer's final gross anatomy lecture with a rousing match of doubles tennis. The southpaw combination of Levy/Felton won in straight sets.

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Chris Wenger reports that he's involved with the College's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the soccer program at Middlebury. A reunion of former players, coaches, and managers will be held October 8-10, including a varsity game with Amherst, a post-game reception in Lawson Lounge in the Field House, and a reception and dinner at Bread Loaf. Chris encourages classmates who played soccer to return in October. ✳ **Alina Wojnar** and David Frye '98 were married on July 19, 2003, in Kittery, Maine. Alina is a freelance writer, while David is an associate in State Street Bank's structured finance group in Munich, Germany, where they are living. Congratulations to them, and also to **Elizabeth Plunkett** and **Peter Harwood**, who were recently married in Mead Chapel. Lizzie is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology at the Univ. of Mont, where Peter is employed. ✳ After three years as a software programmer in Arizona, **Michael Sims** is back in the Middlebury area with his own business. Skyblue Painting specializes in high-end custom interior and exterior painting. ✳ Moving to Fla. last July, **Chris Hughes** is working for a private hedge fund in Palm Beach. ✳ **Brenda Fraire** is finishing her third year of medical school at the Univ. of Kans. Medical Center. ✳ **Will** and **Abby Dorschel Trafton** recently adopted a Bernese Mountain Dog named Ripton. Still working for their family company, the Traftons are planning a summer trip to Canadaigua. They're sad to see the departure of Midd friends **Lauren Wilkis, Ben Bedford**, and **Char Weigel** from Rochester. ✳ **David Babington** moved to New York in December to begin his master's in humanities and social thought at NYU. ✳ **Tim Dewey-Mattia** has begun an informal teaching commitment with a local ballet school in San Francisco. He frequently sees **Jme McLean** and **Phoebe Chase**. ✳ **Will Rawstron** says it's great living at 9,000 feet in Dillon, Colo., where his life includes "skiing on weekends with Hannah Taylor '02, **Adam Barron**, and Dan Ackerman '98 at Vail; South America whitewater kayak trip December '03 to Chile; and getting my real estate license." ✳ After finishing his master's in advertising in Richmond, Va., **Lyle Yetman** plans to "save the entire world from bad ads." In January he spent four wonderful days backcountry skiing with Emily Voorhees '99, **Sam Elmore**, Tyson Lien '99, and **Peter Makrauer**. ✳ Living in Baltimore, **Peter Winstead** has been with an architecture firm for 2.5 years. He often sees John Kearns '99 and Brandon Mollett '98. ✳ **Megan Harris** was spending the spring biking across the U.S. to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, as part of "Team in Training." ✳ **Rachel Davis** is traveling in Nepal as part of a medical crew. ✳ **Jessica Howe Thomson** did a fund-raising 5k walk for the Arthritis Foundation on May 2. She and **Jim** are now back on the Cape with a new Ridgeback puppy. ✳ **Eric Goldwarg**, who has been working for an ad agency in Norwich, Vt., for three years, recently "got a hyper-salivating bird dog puppy, and am starting to feel sickeningly domestic. In February I took a trip to Utah and skied with Scott McLeod '01, Geordie Raisig '01, and Raena Schraer '02. The first day at Alta, the powder was so light and deep we were literally choking." ✳ That's all for now. Hope you all have a great summer vacation.

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Lourie Yelton sends greetings from Grafton, Mass., "where I'm in my second year of veterinary school, but somehow, thankfully, finding time to goof around with **Emily Sharkey** and **Sarah Garcia**." ✳ **Susan Parsons** has been enjoying life in Santa Barbara, Calif. In early summer, she was heading back to the Pyrenees to teach English for a few months. ✳ **Adam Taylor** will be leading teen tours in the Pacific Northwest: "assigned to 16-year-olds this year, which should be a lot of fun." ✳ **Ben Jervey** says he's been "looking for a publisher for my book titled *Soy To The World*, a guide to sustainable living around the globe. Anyone have any ideas?" ✳ **Morgan Bicknell** played the lead in the independent feature film *Nothing Like Dreaming* that premiered recently at the Green Mountain Film Festival. ✳ **Dan DeRoo** got his M.S. from NYU in December 2003. He went skiing in Breckenridge, Colo., in late February with **Ryan Klinghoffer**, **Justin Fernandes**, and **Dana Stringer**. ✳ After graduating from Fordham Law School this May, **Jason Ienner** planned to take the bar in July and consider job offers over the summer. ✳ **Nick Mitchell**, **Jon Carr**, **Adam Nadeau**, and **Kirk Hoffman** were recently in NYC, where they spent some time with **Jackie Spring**. ✳ **Pat Day** was ("finally!") moving to NYC, "hoping to crash in a fellow Rugger's loft. Speaking of lofts, is **Laura Ford** in the city? Let's get together!" ✳ Celebrating **Matt Arnould**'s 25th birthday at Anam Cara in Brookline, Mass., were **Leslie Fox**, **James Tsai**, **Kelsey Doub**, **Mike Kerkorian**, **Chris Cheang**, **Peter Jacoby**, Jeanne Restivo '99, Jess Silverman '00, **Bob Bryan**, **Sarah Theall**, Sam Dettmann '00, Neil Onsdorff '03, and Audrey Pellerin '03. James Tsai moved into a new apartment in Boston, where he was looking forward to a new job at Bank of America. ✳ **Jordan Rutledge Lockwood** was recently promoted to assistant director of member services at the Cincinnati Art Museum. Husband Andy also got a promotion to retail manager at Sodexho at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. ✳ **Kelvin Roldan** is special assistant to the mayor of Hartford, Conn., where he also serves as director of community initiatives. "I now oversee policy development and implementation for the mayor and am also responsible for business engagement and strategic planning." Caleb Holmes '03 has been interning for him. Kelvin was recently at Middlebury participating in the ALC symposium. This year's theme was "Sleeping Giant: The Significance of Latino Immigration, the Latino Vote, and Latino Forms of Expression in America."

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LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

English

Herbert Martin (M.Litt. '72) is the subject of a critical biography, *Herbert Woodward Martin and the African American Tradition in Poetry* (Kent State University Press, February 2004). He received the Univ. of Toledo Distinguished Alumni Award in Arts and Sciences for 2003. Recently he completed the text for a new cantata to be premiered in Norfolk, Va., in fall 2004. Last summer he edited the Penguin Classics edition of *Paul Laurence Dunbar Selected Poems* (April 2004). In March 2004 he received an individual artist's grant for poetry from the Ohio Arts Council. ✳ **Monica McGoldrick** (M.A. '81) has been named director of development for the Technical College of the Lowcountry Foundation. She was formerly director of planned giving at the Savannah College of Art and Design. ✳ **Jenifer Fox** (M.A. '94) recently became head of the Purnell School in Pottersville, N.J. Husband Nick Siewert '87 serves as the school's academic dean. Jenifer has taught English at the International School of Kenya in Nairobi and at the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir, Turkey. She has also held positions at St. Mary's Academy (Englewood, Colo.) and St. Stephen's Episcopal School (Bradenton, Fla.). ✳ **James Schmitz** (M.A. '96), an assistant prof. of English at Johnson C. Smith Univ. in Charlotte, N.C., is finishing a novel about his years as a teacher on the Hopi Indian Reservation in Arizona. Wife **Doris Ezell-Schmitz** ('95, '96, and '97) has been teaching middle school in Chester, S.C., for over 30 years. A published poet, she was recently awarded a first-place prize by the Rock Hill Arts Commission. James and Doris met at the Ripton campus in 1995 and were married at the Santa Fe campus in 1997. ✳ In New Jersey, **John Woodworth** (M.A. '97) was named Teacher of the Month last November at Arthur L. Johnson High School, where he has taught since January 2002. John has an MFA in performance from the International Actor Training Academy at the Univ. of Tenn. ✳ At St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont, **Erin Pike Mayo** (M.A. '00) has been appointed assistant headmaster for academic affairs. Erin, who has taught English at the academy since 1992, lives in St. Johnsbury with husband Peter Gurnis and children Maeve (7) and Gunnar (3). ✳ The marriage of **Sarah Phipps** ('02, '03) and Lloyd Miller took place at Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine House in Waltham, Mass., on August 16, 2003. She teaches at St. Ann's School in Brooklyn, while he is a musician and writer.

French

Marisa Bommarito (M.A. '98) and Thomas Alterson were married December 6, 2003, in Commack, N.Y. Living in Rockville Centre, Marisa is a senior associate for Pricewaterhouse-Coopers in Manhattan. Her husband is in institutional sales at J.P. Morgan Chase.

German

Richard Rundell (M.A. '62) is department head of languages and linguistics at New Mexico State Univ. in Las Cruces, where he has been teaching German and film studies since 1975. ✳ **Allen Hye** (M.A. '67) is completing his 26th year as prof. of German at Wright State Univ., Dayton, Ohio. He recently published a book on three of his other interests, namely baseball, literature, and religion: *The Great God Baseball: Religion in Modern Baseball Fiction* (Mercer University Press). ✳ On April 6, **Susan L. Piepke** (DML '86, M.A. Spanish '84) received the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award at Bridgewater (Va.) College, where she is a prof. and chair of the foreign languages department. During her sabbatical, Susan has been completing work on a second book, *A Woman in Conflict with Society: The Writings and Political Activism of Mathilde Franziska Anneke*, a German American writer who immigrated to the U.S. and became involved in the women's suffrage movement.

Italian

Katy Giges Ingulli (M.A. '01) resigned her position as a marketing director, earned her master's in Italian, became a licensed esthetician from Aveda Institute, and managed an upscale day spa. In December she opened Aetheria Relaxation (www.aetheriaspa.com) Spa in New Canaan, Conn. She's also working on a lifestyle book on revitalization, based on the rituals of the ancient Romans.

Russian

Michelle Mitchell ('00, '01, '03) teaches high school Russian in Wasilla, Alaska, where she's the six-time winner of the Humpy's Marathon. Almost every summer for the past 14 years, she has lived in Moscow, studying the language and soaking up the culture, first as a foreign-exchange student and then as a graduate student in the Middlebury Russian School. While competing in races in Moscow, friends introduced her to a top Russian coach and soon she was shedding minutes off her time. Last October, she was the top woman among seven Alaskans who competed in the Chicago Marathon, clocking in at 3:03.50. In February, she took on a new challenge, running the 50-kilometer portion of the Susitna 100. She was one of more than 100 competitors who skied, biked, snowshoed, or slogged on foot along frozen rivers and swamps. In Alaska, many serious runners opt to ski in the winter, but Michelle has never wanted to do that. She believes skiing can maintain a runner's endurance but not a runner's speed. She taught Russian and Spanish at West Valley in Fairbanks for seven years before taking a job at Wasilla High. She reports that in Fairbanks there are running races in the winter and a dedicated group of runners that trains no matter what the weather. Michelle continued to run 70 to 80 miles a week while living there, same as in the summer. She sums it up: "I'm a cold-weather runner."

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Steve reports: I'm planning on moving onto a tugboat for the remainder of my twenties and will soon have my first successful reality show. In Beantown, I bumped into **Tom Harris**, who was planning on a trip to Vegas. He met up with **Steve Lanese** and **Marshall Boyd**, enjoyed some sun, but failed at bringing down the house. ✳ **Meghan Cannella** works at an undisclosed law firm in a secret location that is not where anyone thinks it is. ✳ **Miranda Duncan** moved into a place with **Yami Fuentes** in D.C. Mindy works in public relations, and Yami works at a law firm. Over the winter holidays, they got together with **Sam Brenner** (who is still in the Peace Corp in Ecuador) and **Megan West** (who will soon be seen on the big screen out in L.A.). ✳ On a final note, **Andrew Dombrowski** and **Stephen Messinger** sparked an interesting e-mail debate among a large group of '02s on the rapidly changing political climate here in the U.S. Mess concluded that everyone should reread the classic George Orwell novel *1984* and study up on the facts before the elections. ✳ Notes From Anne: **Brian Reilly** is working for a new start-up wind turbine company in Burlington, Vt. ✳ **Heidi Robinson** is working at the Gap in San Francisco. ✳ After spending last year as an apprentice at the Actor's Theatre of Louisville, **Jesse Hooker** is performing on the main stage in the Humana Festival of New American Plays. ✳ **Hilary Nicholas-Alexander** and **Ken Mullane** are living in Cambridge, Mass. ✳ **Ted Noon** ran the 28th Marine Corps Marathon in D.C. in 3 hours, 13.07 minutes, finishing in 218th place out of more than 18,000 competitors! ✳ In New York, **Chris White** has reportedly gotten a new job at Morgan Stanley and bought a new suit. ✳ **Pete Rosenblum** is moving to L.A. ✳ Please continue to write to Anne and Steve with exciting stories and updates.

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Lucas Farrell and **Daniel Whitmore** are travelling in Mexico, spreading awareness of renewable fuel sources. ✳ **Jason Simmons** has been teaching in the Dominican Republic, Peru, and Costa Rica, before heading back to school this fall. ✳ **Lisa Jasinski** completed her first year of film studies at the Univ. of Wis.: "It's been an exceptional year of watching great movies, teaching a public speaking class, and surviving the Midwest." **Jeremy Holiday** starts his M.A. there in the fall. Lisa's summer plans include "visits to both coasts to see Michelle Collette '02 in L.A., Jack Thurston '02 in Vt., Aaron Sawchuk '02 in Boston, and **John Morgenstern** and **Nathan Davis** in New York." ✳ **Aaron Copeland** is a financial consultant in the Boston office of RBC Dain Rauscher. ✳ Along with many other Midd folks, **Leah Cumsky-Whitlock** is finding life great in San Fran. She was in touch with **Meg Bonney, Kate Perine**, and **Dana Chapin** as they traveled through the South Pacific.

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This will be a great way for us to stay in touch. Please do not hesitate to contact your new class secretaries whenever you want to send news. We look forward to hearing from everyone. The Class of 2004 has proven to be an exemplary group, and we will continue to be exemplary in our respective places in the world. We hope you are starting to enjoy what life after Midd has in store for you!

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26 **Elizabeth Kelley Beck**, 98, of Waukegan, Ill., on November 20, 2003. Following graduation, she was a teacher for a time in Townsend, Mass. During the 1930s, she was a physical therapist at the Univ. of Chicago Hospital and the Univ. of Missouri Hospital. She served as a Middlebury class agent and as a Gamaliel Painter's Cane Society representative. She also remembered Middlebury through her estate planning. She was married to Dr. Kenneth C. Beck in 1936; he died in 1999. They had two children, Katharine and Wingate.

28 **Evelyn Quick Clark**, 97, of Morehead City, N.C., on August 4, 2003. With a master's from Kean College of New Jersey, she retired as a fourth grade teacher in Chatham Township in 1967. Predeceased by husband George B. Clark '25 in 1977 and by sister Shirley Quick Sabia '29 in 1952, she leaves daughter Jean Clark Johnson '54 and son George Clark.

31 **Mary F. Bump**, 93, of Glens Falls, N.Y., on September 17, 2003. She was a dental assistant and inlay technician until 1940, when she enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. While stationed in Oklahoma, she became a licensed X-ray technician and worked in that capacity in Phelps Memorial Hospital, North Tarrytown, N.Y., until retiring in 1972. She was predeceased by sister Lucile Bump Brayton '29, brother-in-law George L. Brayton '13, and cousin Glenna Bump Crosby '34.

Richard A. Fear, 95, of Pittstown, N.J., on April 8, 2004. After working for the New York Conservation Department, he became educational director at a Civilian Conservation Camp in Connecticut. Earning a master's in psychology from Boston Univ., he became an industrial psychologist with the Psychological Corporation in NYC. His expertise in the field of psychological evaluations and interviews led to numerous domestic and overseas assignments. McGraw Hill published his book on interviewing, *The Evaluation Interview,* which remains in print after 40 years. A revised edition of his book won the Society for Personnel Administration's Book Award as the Most Outstanding Human Resource Management Book Published in 1973. Leaving the Psychological Corporation as VP after 28 years, he traveled extensively and established his own business, concentrating on interviewer training. Retiring at age 85, he continued to travel, hike into jungles, and climb mountains. A very active musician at Middlebury, he continued his singing career by joining the Blue Hill Troupe, a Gilbert and Sullivan organization, and took the tenor lead in their operas. On his Pittstown farm, he established a pony farm and showed Shetland Ponies throughout New Jersey. He served four times as president of the New Jersey Pony Breeders and twice chaired the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board. Predeceased by brother Howard, he is survived by friend Richard W. Hogue.

32 **Alberta Potter Brennan**, 93. of Little Rock, Ark., on April 10, 2004. She was a medical technologist at Boston Hospital (1934-1939), at Seneca Falls Hospital in Seneca Falls, N.Y. (1959-1961), and Geneva General Hospital, Geneva, N.Y. (1961-1975). She had a lifelong interest in science and medicine and in progressive politics. Preceded in death by husband Frederick R. Brennen in 2001, she leaves daughters Margaret Klein and Elizabeth Danley, a grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

33 **Aaron A. Schefkind**, 93, of Newtown, Conn., on March 18, 2004. With a master's in educational administration from Yale, he worked at the University College Preparatory School in Bridgeport for 35 years, as a teacher, administrator, and headmaster proprietor. He was a lifelong advocate for the physically challenged. Besides wife Christina (Mainiero), he leaves daughters Judith Gross and Joyce Neri, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary Duryee Weeks, 92, of Ashburnham, Mass., on February 18, 2004. For several years, she worked for Elmo Roper and Associates, a pioneering marketing and public opinion research firm, first in Chicago and then in New York City. Moving to Ashburnham in 1949, she was active in the Ashburnham Community Church for more than 50 years. A library trustee for 15 years, she also served on a school committee, volunteered at HealthAlliance Hospital/Burbank for 25 years, was a reporter for the *Gardner News* for two decades, and was a lifetime member of the Naukeag Lake Club. She leaves sons Eugene M. Weeks and Stephen H. Weeks '71, and five grandchildren.

34 **Mary Carrick Hobart**, 91, of Mirror Lake, N.H., on February 22, 2004. Employed as an executive secretary for 10 years, she was also seasonally employed by the IRS for several years. An active volunteer in her community of Reading, Mass., she was very involved with the Girl Scouts. The family summered in New Hampshire and retired there in 1980. Predeceased by husband Earl W. Hobart and by sisters Jane Carrick Oviatt '28 and Catherine Carrick Whitcombe '32, she leaves daughter Julie Tryder, three grandchildren, sister Barbara Carrick Brooker '40, and brother-in-law Walter E. Brooker '37.

35 **Philip H. Mathewson**, 91, of Lyndon Center, Vt., on March 22, 2004. With a master's in educational administration, he was a school administrator in Stowe, Vt., principal of Montpelier Elementary School, and superintendent of the school districts for Montpelier and the Northeast Kingdom. After retiring in 1972, he lived half the year in Florida. Survivors include wife Jean (McLouth), daughter Jeanine Stringfellow, son Owen Mathewson, nine grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

36 **Rebekah Winslow Sears**, 89, of Weybridge, Vt., on March 10, 2004. After two years at Middlebury, she attended Bay Path College in Massachusetts. She worked at National Life Insurance Company in Montpelier until her marriage to Leon W. Sears '34 in 1939. They lived in Northfield, where her husband owned an insurance agency. Moving to the Middlebury area in 1975, she and her husband owned and operated Rogers Fuels, Inc. Predeceased by her husband in 1982, she leaves son Arthur Sears and daughter Evelyn Sears.

37 **Loring D. Chase**, 87, of Hanover, N.H., on March 17, 2004. With a degree from Yale Divinity School (1941), he was ordained a minister in the United Church of Christ. After several years as a "circuit rider" in rural Connecticut, he accepted a call in 1947 to the Congregational Church in New Canaan, Conn., where he guided the church through a period of post-war growth. During the 1940s, he also helped to establish a work camp for high school youth at Pine Mountain, and conducted its operations for several years. To honor his role in the construction of the Center's original shelter, an Adirondack-style hut along the trail to Pinkham Ledge has been named "Chase's View." When the Congregational and Reformed Churches merged in the late 1950s to form the United Church of Christ, he served as secretary of the commission that prepared a statement of faith for the new denomination. In 1964 he accepted a call to the Westmoreland Congregational Church in Bethesda, Md., outside Washington, a church attended by many political and government leaders. In the 1970s, he was president of the Board of World Ministries and an active member of the UCC Office of Communications. Retiring to Keene, N.H., he remained active in UCC affairs, substitute preaching in a number of churches and serving on the Committee on Ministry in Cheshire County. Survivors include wife Helene Cosenza Chase '38, sons Christopher and David, five grandchildren, sister Barbara Key, and sisters-in-law Margherita Cosenza Moore '37 and Louise Cosenza Aldrich '44. He was predeceased by a grandson, Steven, and by sisters Priscilla Chase '23 and Doris Chase '25.

Frances Brainerd Parrish Miller, 88, of El Paso, Texas, on July 29, 2003. After two years at Middlebury, she graduated from George Washington Univ. and earned a degree in library science from the Univ. of Denver. She retired as a librarian with the El Paso Public Library. Preceded in death by husband Allen H. Miller, she leaves sons Brainerd S. Parrish, Frank H. Parrish, and Ernest H. Parrish; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Her late grandfather, Ezra Brainerd (Class of 1864), was president of Middlebury College from 1885 to 1908. Predeceased Middlebury relatives include sister Ethel Brainerd Groves '38; aunts Bertha Brainerd Adams (1895), Frances Brainerd Baird (1898), Alice Brainerd Nelson (1904), Dorothy Brainerd Cline '23, Katherine Brainerd Eddy '28; uncles Charles N. Brainerd (1873), Edward R. Brainerd (1879), Charles A. Adams (1895), Allen H. Nelson (1901), Stanton Eddy Jr. '27; and several cousins. Surviving Middlebury cousins include Lawrence B. Cline '52, Charles A. Adams '59, Louise Eddy Rossmann '60, and Julia Rossmann Perez '89.

39 **Herman E. Weston**, 87, of Saxtons River, Vt., on April 15, 2004. As a dairy farmer from 1939 to 1947, he raised purebred Brown Swiss cows on his 1,100-acre farm. He taught elementary school for four years while attending classes at Keene Teachers College, then worked at Noyes and Whitehill Hardware Store in Bellows Falls for 25 years. A member of the Bartonsville Grange in all seven degrees, he was past master of the Subordinate Grange and the Pamona Grange, and was a state deputy. Predeceased by wife Frances (Morrison) in 1977 and by son William in 1998, he leaves son Joseph, daughter Sarah Avery, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

40 **Mildred Clarke Crassweller**, 85, of Chapel Hill, N.C., on April 23, 2004. A graduate of Simmons College, she lived for 32 years in Stamford, Conn., where she worked in a branch library, was active in the Children's Theatre of the Junior League of Darien, and was a founding

member of the Country Oaks Garden Club. She earned a degree in interior decorating in Puerto Rico, and was knowledgeable about antiques. She leaves husband Robert D. Crassweller, son Peter, daughters Karen Farbman and Pamela Baldino, and three grandchildren.

Janet M. Gilbert, 85, of Albany, N.Y., on April 18, 2004. With an M.A. in social studies (Cornell Univ. 1941) and an Ed.D.(Univ. Of Buffalo 1961), she taught social studies in Niagara Falls for 10 years before becoming district supervisor of social studies. She also taught at Niagara Univ. and the Univ. of Buffalo. Moving to Albany in 1965, she worked with the state curriculum division on a major overhaul of the social studies program for the New York State Education Department. She was the author of several books and served as a member of the National Council for Social Studies. Predeceased by brother Arthur D. Gilbert '38, she is survived by brother Daniel R. Gilbert '48 and sisters-in-law Joan Tyler Gilbert '48 and Beverly Browning Gilbert '39.

Edward F. Ormsby, 85, of Redding, Conn., on March 10, 2004. With an M.S. in mathematics (Syracuse Univ. 1942), he served in the Navy (1944-1946), attaining the rank of ensign. He taught math at Union College (Schenectady, N.Y.) and Pennsylvania State Univ., before beginning a 30-year career with IBM in 1953. His focus on marketing and installing large computers worldwide took him to more than 60 countries. Survivors include wife Barbara Roberts Ormsby '43, daughters Heidi Kelsey and Susan Stoehr, and three grandchildren, including Megan Stoehr '00.

James C. Smith II, 85, of Fairfax City, Va., on April 3, 2004. During World War II, he served with the Army Air Corps as a major in the 65th Fighter Group operations center in England. He worked as an accountant from 1946 until 1952, when he received an invitation to join the expanding Central Intelligence Agency as a career administrative officer. After 22 years, he retired and became a fuel-oil salesman in Fairfax for several years. In retirement, he was very active in community affairs in Fairfax City. He leaves wife Maurine (Latta), daughter Caroline Schlaseman, son Douglas L. Smith, sister Jean Smith Davies '49, and five grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include brothers David K. Smith '42 and Lawrence M. Smith '49, sister-in-law Carol Hartman Smith '43, nephew David K. Smith Jr. '68, and great-great-niece Kristin Kingsbury Smith '08.

41 **Helen Rothery Higbee**, 84, of Hingham, Mass., on April 6, 2004. During World War II, she served with the American Red Cross as a hospital activities coordinator in Waltham. She also volunteered at several area hospitals and in the guidance department at Hingham High School. She was active with the Hingham Civic Music Theater, the Hingham Civic Chorus, and the Hingham Congregational Church. Predeceased by husband Edward W. Higbee III, she leaves sons John E. Higbee and Richard L. Higbee, daughter Janet L. Higbee '74, and one grandson.

42 **Augustin A. Root**, 83, of Portland, Maine, on April 26, 2004. With an engineering degree from MIT, he worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, served in Guam, and worked as an engineer for General Electric in Schenectady, N.Y. Completing his doctoral degree in educational psychology at Syracuse Univ., he taught there for eight years. He also taught in Malaysia, Indonesia, Iran, Hawaii, and then at a senior college until recently. He worked under the direction of the United Nations and the U.S. Agency for International Development in various nations, including Honduras, where, with daughter Heidi Rose and her church, he installed a water supply system and built a health clinic for a small town. Following the death of wife Jane (Hudson) in 1998, he married Jan Beane-Root, who survives him. He also leaves six children.

44 **Helen Beardslee Johnstone**, 80, of Shelburne, Vt., on March 2, 2004. During World War II, she joined the Navy as a WAVE. As an aerographer, she decoded Japanese weather data in Washington, D.C., and made weather observations for Navy fliers at Floyd Bennett Naval Air Station. She earned a master's in mathematics at UVM (1948). At Burlington's College Street Congregational Church, she served as organist, deacon, and treasurer. She was also a founding member of Malletts Bay Congregational Church, where she served as deacon and organist. Survivors include husband Donald B. Johnstone, two daughters, a son, and seven grandchildren. A sister, Lois Beardslee Kaufman '37, preceded her in death.

Harold O. Skinner, 81, of Oneonta, N.Y., on April 5, 2004. For his service during World War II in the Army Air Corps as a P-51 fighter pilot, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Clusters. A graduate of Ithaca College, he was a teacher and administrator in Otsego County, retiring in 1979. Survivors include wife Julia (Salamone), daughters Paige and Holly, and two granddaughters.

Emory P. Mersereau Jr., 81, of Wilmington, Del., on February 19, 2004. With an engineering degree from Middlebury and an M.S. from Purdue Univ., he worked for Joseph Bancroft & Sons in Wilmington. In 1977, he founded EMC Process Co., an industrial coatings company in Newport, from which he retired in 1998. As members of the Skating Club of Wilmington since 1964, he and wife Charlotte Broemel Mersereau '46 were instrumental in building an ice rink and clubhouse. In addition to serving in leadership positions for the club, he was the regular announcer for competitions and other events. He continued to skate several days a week until his final brief illness. Besides his wife, he leaves daughter Candance Thompson and a brother.

46 **Marilyn Arey McGeehan**, 78, of Stuart, Fla., on March 10, 2004. She worked for American Airlines, the NY Telephone company, the West Islip (L.I.) school system, and Carolina Cablevision in Dillon, S.C. With her children, she was active in Scouts and Little League. Her volunteer work included the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in Penn Yan, N.Y. In 1995, she was honored by the Penn Yan Business and Professional Women's Club as Woman of the Year, on both the local and regional level. Predeceased by husband John R. McGeehan in 1995, she is survived by sons John and James, daughters Judy Henderson and Debbie Kennedy, three grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

48 **John M. Hale**, 81, of Auburn, Calif., on December 6, 2003. In the Army Air Corps, he was trained as a meteorologist at Brown Univ. and MIT, and assigned to Alaska. He left the service in 1946 with the rank of captain. After receiving his Middlebury degree, he earned an M.A. at the Univ. of Mich. His employment included working with runaway youth, architectural photographer, and organizer of widerness trips to Australia, Alaska, California, and Mexico. Later, he was active with the Placer Commission on Aging, Area 4 (north central California) Agency on Aging, Congress of California Seniors, and California Senior Legislature. He also hosted a radio program, "Time for Seniors," and a cable access program of the same name.

49 **Doris Queren Oddsen**, 76, of Locust Valley, N.Y., on February 11, 2004. After college, she worked as an office manager for New York Telephone Company and traveled extensively with friends. She met her husband, Gustav A. Oddsen, through the Garden City Ski Club; they married in 1967. A travel agent for La Dolce Vita Travel, her community activities included Meals on Wheels, the Locust Valley Garden Club, AAUW, and the Locust Valley Women's Club. The family spent holidays, weekends, and summer months in Vermont, and then moved to Rochester, Minn., in 1999. Besides her husband, she leaves daughter Susan Oddsen '90 and two grandchildren.

50 **Thomas E. Fraioli**, 76, of Miami, Fla., on February 2, 2004. After serving in the Navy, he returned to Middlebury to earn his degree. He began his advertising career in NYC, then served as sales manager of a television station in Richmond, Va., before moving to Miami in 1963 to become sales manager for WTVJ, the flagship TV station of Wometco Enterprises. After two decades, he left WTVJ to form two media-buying companies, Miami Video Productions and Communications Counselors. He was also an instructor at the Univ. of Miami School of Communication and cofounded the Miami chapter of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences. Predeceased by brother Anthony V. Fraioli '49, he leaves wife Kitty, two sons, two granddaughters, sister-in-law Natelle Benson Fraioli '48, and niece Christine Fraioli '74.

51 **John P. Clayton**, 73, of La Mesa, Calif., on May 19, 2003. An anesthesiologist for 46 years, he was employed by Grossmont Hospital. He served in the Navy and was a member of the American Medical Association and the California Society of Anesthesiologists. He especially enjoyed sailing. Survivors include wife Linda, daughters Elizabeth and Sally, sons Jack and Jeffrey, and two grandchildren. An uncle, the late Harold G. Bruns, graduated from Middlebury in 1929.

52 **Margaret Nasmith Wedge**, 73, of Lawrence, Kans., on March 2, 2004. With a degree in American studies (George Washington Univ. 1953) and a master's in social welfare (Kansas Univ. 1979), she was a social worker in the Lawrence SRS office until her retirement in 1993. In 1989, she received an award for her service as a social worker in Douglas County. Predeceased by husband George F. Wedge '52 in 1999, she leaves daughters Laura Lawrence, Louise Pennewell, and Alberta Wedge; son Philip; and five grandchildren.

53 **Donald P. Faber**, 72, of Vero Beach, Fla., on July 2, 2003. He pursued a career in furniture and floor coverings in Connecticut and later in Florida, retiring as president of Fabshaw

Enterprises, Inc. He leaves son Donald, daughter Chantall, and brother Wallace A. Faber '50.

William C. Kruge, 72, of Cape Coral, Fla., on March 6, 2004. His Army service included duty attached to the U.S. Air Force base at Wiesbaden, Germany. He retired from the U.S. Department of Defense, and moved from New Jersey to Florida in 1994. Survivors include wife Joan (Alger), sons James and David, daughter Joanne, and three grandchildren.

Peter C. Statler, 73, of Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii, on March 27, 2004. He served two years in the Marine Corps before joining his father and brother in the family concrete business in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was elected to the Kalamazoo City Commission in 1977 and served as vice mayor for two years. He retired to Hawaii in 1990. Predeceased by wife Brenda (Tisch) in 2002 and by daughter Laura in 2003, he leaves son Timothy, daughter Julia, stepson Harry Ellis III, two granddaughters, and companion Janet Feldmann.

54 **John G. Taylor**, 72, of Wallingford, Pa., on July 8, 2003. With an MBA from Drexel Univ. (1960), he was a financial manager with Rohm & Haas Company in Philadelphia. Survivors include wife Charlotte Morgan Taylor '54, daughters Leslie and Wendy, son David, and six grandchildren. Other Middlebury relatives include brother Donald L. Taylor '59; sisters-in-law Janet Brouse Taylor '59, Marjorie Morgan Holt '55, and Constance Morgan Larrabee '62; and nephew Paul M. Taylor '86.

57 **Julee Stone Miller**, 68, of Huntsville, Texas, on January 16, 2004. With an M.A. in English literature from Columbia Univ., she was most recently an editor with the Yale University Press and an adjunct English prof. at Sam Houston State Univ. A Huntsville resident since 1977, she was instrumental in establishing the Huntsville Youth Soccer Association, was an enthusiastic supporter of the arts, and belonged to the First United Methodist Church. Survivors include husband Jim Miller, daughter Lee, son Eric, and one granddaughter.

59 **Paul M. Denison**, 68, of Big Horn, Wyo., on September 8, 2003. He spent two years in the Army, received an advanced degree from Brown Univ., and began his teaching career at the Crane School (Montecito, Calif.) and Berkshire School in Massachusetts. Moving to the Cate School (Carpinteria, Calif.) in 1968, he served as English teacher, coach, administrator, chair of the board, and life trustee. His final years were spent ranching in the foothills of the Big Horns, where he had returned throughout his life. Survivors include wife Betsy Butterfield Denison '59, son Paul '83, daughters Charis and Jocelyn, and four grandchildren.

71 **Richard H. Staehle III**, 55, of Vineland, N.J., on March 21, 2004, as a result of an automobile accident. For 27 years, he worked in the plastics division of Wheaton Industries, where he was instrumental in the development of the miniature plastic liquor bottles used by the airline industry. After leaving Wheaton in 1997, he owned the Nantuxent Oyster Company of Money Island in Newport. A skilled wood sculptor, he worked with mahogany and exotic hardwoods. Survivors include his parents, a brother, and two sisters.

73 **Mark A. Olbrych**, 52, of Niskayuna, N.Y., on April 10, 2004. He was a computer consultant for CGI of Albany, N.Y. Survivors include wife Mary Lynn (Gary) and son Alexander.

86 **Susan French Proulx**, 40, of South Burlington, Vt., on April 9, 2004, after a brief illness. She taught French and Spanish at Chapel Hill-Chauncey Hall School in Waltham, Mass., prior to her marriage to Jerry Proulx. Since moving to the Burlington area, she had been very active with local social programs, most notably the Burlington Emergency Shelter soup kitchen. She was active in the Children of the American Revolution and St. James Episcopal Church in Essex Junction. She was attending UVM graduate school to earn a dual master's in guidance and mental health. Survivors include husband Jerry, sons Alex and Walter, mother Judy French, and father Hiram French.

Staff

Janet P. Renner, of Middlebury, Vt., on April 5, 2004. She worked for Middlebury College from 1953 to 1991, beginning with 20 years in the Registrar's Office. She also worked in the Office of Career Counseling and Placement and the Development Office, before retiring in 1991.

Language Schools

49 **Anita Murray**, M.A. Spanish, of Kensington, Md., on January 15, 2004.

52 **Margaret Maxwell Atwood**, 84, M.A. Spanish, of Bangor, Maine, on September 1, 2003. She taught Spanish, most recently at the Eastern Maine Medical Center.

David M. Miller, 79, M.A. French, of Phoenixville, Pa., on March 11, 2004. He was director of Greenwich Services, Inc., an 84-bed residence for children and adults with mental disabilities and medical needs, and a provider of community–based programs for the mentally disabled.

62 **Esther Y. Smith**, M.A. French, of Tampa, Fla., on May 1, 2004. She taught French in high school, at Benedict College, for the Peace Corps, and in West Africa. She was a translator for the U.S. Department of State, then started a training program in French for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to expand the Univ. of Florida's agricultural programs in French-speaking Africa. She was also an instructor for the American Language Academy at the Univ. of Tampa.

65 **Mary Bancroft Bourne**, M.A. Spanish, of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, on April 29, 2003.

70 **Olive Pollard Eggers**, 84, M.A. French, of Webster Groves, Mo., on February 3, 2004. She taught French, Latin, and Italian at Webster Groves High School for 20 years.

Faculty

Ethel H. Anderson, 96, of Concord, Mass., formerly of Providence, R.I., on April 26, 2004. She was the widow of George K. Anderson, a longtime faculty member of the Bread Loaf School of English. Professor Anderson, who died in 1980, was the author of *Bread Loaf School of English, The First Fifty Years*, published in 1969. Gifts in memory of Ethel and George Anderson may be sent to the G.K. Anderson Memorial Book Fund, Middlebury College, Munford House, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Eve Vetulani Belfoure

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BORN IN KRAKOW, POLAND, she was forced to work in labor camps after the Nazi occupation of her country in 1939. Her father advised her to "learn your enemy's language." It was her knowledge of languages that saved her life during World War II, because she was more valuable to the Germans as a translator than as a slave laborer. She was liberated by the Allies in 1945 from a camp in Nordhausen, site of the construction of V-1 and V-2 rockets. After the war, she worked as a translator for U.S. Army intelligence. She attended Frankfurt University in Germany, then came to the U.S. as a displaced person in 1950 and attended Washington University in St. Louis.

Moving to Maryland, she graduated from Frostburg State Teachers College (1962) and taught French, German, and Spanish at Woodlawn High School until retiring in 1988. In 1966 she earned her master's in French at Middlebury, where she also attended the German School in summer 1971. She was fluent in Russian and Italian, in addition to Polish, German, French, Spanish, and English.

After retiring, she translated historical documents for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. She also worked through the Red Cross, attempting to reunite Holocaust survivors with their families, and she volunteered at Our Daily Bread in Baltimore. Predeceased by husband Charles W. Belfoure in 1997, she leaves a son and two grandchildren.

"She had seen the absolute worst in life, people executed in front of her eyes," said her son, Charles Belfoure. "But she had an amazingly cheerful disposition and outlook on life."

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A Walk to Remember

After losing her mother to breast cancer, a Middlebury graduate honors her memory.

By Olive Isaacs '99

FOUR MONTHS before I graduated from Middlebury, my mother died of breast cancer.

Though I was surrounded by friends, my first instinct was to flee. I wanted to hide from anything and anyone who reminded me of those terrifying days leading up to my mother's death.

But the thought of living apart from my roommates, friends, and professors—those who were there for me during dark times—was even more terrifying. And so I stayed. Random hugs, late-night chats, and silent walks helped soothe the initial shock, and I found my first adult sense of community. But then it was time to go, and the pain remained.

I moved to Washington, D.C., and while I was engaged by an exciting city, I felt alone. Searching for outlets to aid the healing process, I signed up for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. I did so silently, intending the 60-mile walk and fund-raising process to be a solitary tribute to my mother's memory. I was unprepared for what happened next.

Surrounded by thousands of strangers, I discovered what I had been subconsciously seeking: the sense of community that I had at Middlebury. Two years and three fund-raising walks later, I'm managing the New York office of the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, and that community is my life.

In 2003, I hired a small staff, set up shop in the back half of a bare sublet, and worked tirelessly to prepare the first event of its kind in New York. Our team learned to drive pallet jacks, forklifts, and 24-foot trucks; we operated two-way radios like Special Forces; we scoured New York's sidewalks for discarded furniture; and we traversed the city by train, bus, bicycle, and foot to recruit walkers.

My arena grew to encompass thousands of participants, bound together by the desire to eradicate breast cancer. My compatriots ranged in age from 18 to 80-plus. They were professional fund-raisers and recent college grads. They were native New Yorkers and suburban families who had never visited the big city. They were men, too, sometimes slightly lost in a mostly female world, but no less broken and just as determined.

Many had breast cancer. Others were survivors, proudly bearing the scars. Many more, like me, had lost their mothers—or sisters, friends, aunts, daughters—sometimes even fathers, brothers, and uncles. They often arrived alone, but left with crowds. We came to know their families—and their deepest fears. Something about the nature of what we were creating seemed to encourage people to trust us with thoughts they might never tell others. We became, for them, a comfortable place.

Last fall, my funny and determined community of 3,300 met our goal, raising $6.5 million in nine months. Now I'm working to raise more funds and to help others become part of this amazing experience.

My Avon Walk family has become an extension of that Midd group. I know that random hugs, late-night chats, and silent walks are there if I need them. And I still do. Although five years have passed, I still miss my mother. My wounds from her death may never completely heal, but I have the support, love, and inspiration that I know I need. And I dedicate it all to her.

When I chose to stay at Middlebury after my mother's death, I took perhaps the most important step of my life. I learned the power of togetherness, of community, and of a sense of place. I am committed to helping others gain this, too. For this, I know my mother would be proud; for she always told me to find my place in the world and to welcome others in.

Olive Isaacs '99 lives in Brooklyn and is in the middle of her second successful Avon Walk season. To find out more about her work, go to www.avonwalk.org or call 1-877-WALK-AVON.

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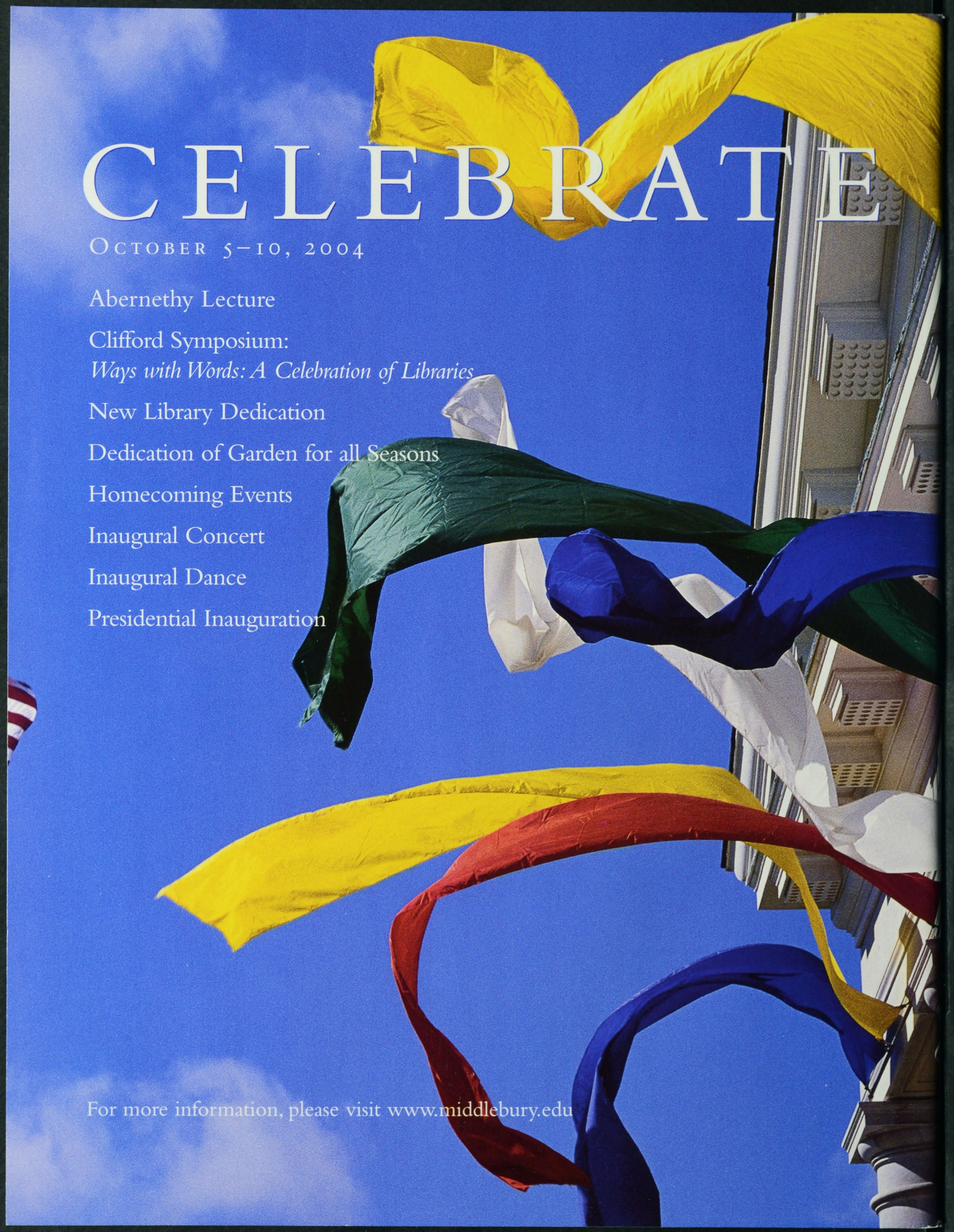
Changing of the Guard
Ron Liebowitz (left) and John M. McCardell, Jr., find a moment to talk at Reunion Weekend. On July 1, Liebowitz succeeded McCardell as Middlebury's president.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